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Pioneering operation on two-year-old

Fertility hope for boys who survive cancer

By IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE human fertility watchdog has authorised a revolutionary treatment to give boys facing cancer therapy that will render them sterile a chance of fathering children later in life.

The treatment will be used for the first time in the next couple of weeks on a boy aged two who is suffering from a rare metabolic disorder that requires a bone marrow transplant and chemotherapy that will leave him sterile. Doctors hope that the procedure will offer hope to thousands of children who are now surviving cancer, but face adulthood with no prospect of having children of their own.

The pioneering case was referred to the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority last week. It agreed, after a week of intense debate about the ethics and legality of the situation, to allow testicular tissue cells to be taken from the boy before the cancer treatment starts and frozen in liquid nitrogen until he reaches puberty. They could then be re-injected.

Experiments in sterile rats and mice have shown that the process can successfully "renopulate" the testicles, making it possible for them to reproduce. But it will obviously be many years before anyone knows whether the procedure works for human beings.

The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act requires written and informed consent from a parient before tissue is taken and used in fertility treatment. The boy concerned,

Oscar von Memerty, is too young to give such consent, but the authority approved the procedure because the Act covers only mature tissue and the cells that will be taken from Oscar are not.

The authority ruled that the case was fundamentally different from that of Diane Blood who was refused permission to be impregnated by her dead husband's sperm because he had not given his written consent for it to be used before he died. If, however. Oscar eventually decides to have his cell tissue re-injected. he will then have to give written permission.

Valeska, 4, both suffer from a rare genetic disorder that will cripple and kill them by their early twenties unless they bone marrow transplants. Because the law in their native South Africa prohibits such transplants unless the donor is a sibling, Ian and Vivienne von Memerty scoured the world for somewhere their children could be treated using marrow from an unrelated donor. They chose Manchester Children's Hospital and Valeska completed her transplant treatment there two weeks ago. Oscar is due to

have his soon. Bone marrow transplants require massive doses of chemotherapy, which inevitably leads to sterility and the children's parents were resigned to that until they received a telephone call from a South African television station ten days ago alerting them to research into being carried out in Nottingham.

The work is being led by Simon Fishel, a biologist who was part of the team behind the first test-tube baby. He runs a chain of clinics worldwide, including one in Johannesburg, where he had been the subject of a television film. The television company also knew about the von Memerty family and realised the relevance of the fertility work.

Mr von Memerty contacted Mr Fishel and asked for Oscar to be given the treatment — as he said last night: "I had to give my son a chance of leading a normal life once he is cured.'

Mr Fishel agreed and will make no charge. He said: This is not a gimmick, but an increasingly important issue in the cancer treatment of young children. There are now 10,000 young adults who have recovered after chemotherapy while they were children, but the majority of them are sterile. The number of these survivors is increasing at the rate of 500 a year.

We have many reservations about whether this will work, but it does offer a realistic hope as opposed to the certainty that a patient will grow up sterile."

The plan now is for Oscar to have the tissue removed just before the bone marrow transplant begins, so that he will need only one anaesthetic.

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Oscar von Memerty with his father, Ian. The two-year-old's essential chemotherapy will leave him sterile

Ashdown coalition hint splits Lib Dems

BY JILL SHURMAN AND NICHOLAS WOOD

SPLITS in the Liberal Democrat leadership over closer links with Labour last night threatened to overshadow the opening of annual conference today in Easthourne.

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, suggested that the joint cabinet committee on the constitution which met for the first time last week could extend its remit to cover

Europe and Northern Ireland. He also conceded the possibility of a coalition with Labour in a Scottish Parliament, having earlier angered some MPs after raising the prospect

of a coalition at Westminster. But he came under attack from a number of senior MPs. including Charles Kennedy and Malcolm Bruce and Professor Earl Russell, the Liberal Democrat peer. Later conference delegates expressed their unease about Mr Ashdown's remarks at a private session

Charles Kennedy, agricultural spokesman, warned that any moves to coalition could leave "blood on the carpet". Speaking on BBC radio's The World This Weekend Mr Kennedy said there "was u

current of apprehension"

among members about the risk of losing the party distinctive identity. "We are an independent political party, out there to win votes and secure influence and power," said Mr Kennedy. We have to be extremely careful about using words like

Malcolm Bruce, the party's treasury spokesman, gave a warning against letting Labour drag its heels over the promised referendum on PR which could leave the Liberal Democrats "high and dry".

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French bishops to say 'sorry'

French bishops will offer a formal "repentance" for the Roman Catholic Church's failure to condemn the perse ention of Jews during the Vichy regime. The "declaration on the attitude of bishops in the war" will be made at the site of the principal Jewish internment campPage 14

Soros warning

George Soros, the billionaire financier, told the IMF in Hong Kong that the global economic boom will soon end in bust. He also attacked Mahathir Mohamad, Prime Minister of Malaysia Page 50

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Crash train warning system 'was not working' bright pupils' chances

By Arthur Leathley, transport correspondent

A CATALOGUE of safety failures may have been partly to blame for the train crash in London on Friday which killed six people and injured

Investigatorshave discovered that the second of two of the train's automatic safety systems failed to work during the high-speed journey from

Safety investigators have been told that an in-cab alarm which is designed to alert a driver's attention to warning signals, had been reported faulty earlier. The automatic warning system (AWS) which sounds a klaxon in the cab if signals indicate that the train should slow down, is a backup fitted on all trains.

However the driver's log of the Swansea-London journey records details of the AWS system being "isolated" by the time the train left Cardiff.

The disclosure came after it emerged that a more sophisticated back-up, the automatic train protection (ATP) system.

that had been subject to trials on the same rail line, was not working, although it was firted

to the train. The new evidence is likely to play a key part in the investigation into the crash, which happened when the passenger train crashed into an emon freight train at Southall, west

Great Western, which runs the Swansea-Paddington service said that if the warning system was found to be faulty. rules allowed the train to complete its journey but the fault had to be rectified at the end of the journey.

The AWS, that has been used as a back-up for more than 30 years, sounds an alarm in the driver's can as the train passes yellow signals warning of a possible red signal ahead. The driver presses a button to acknowledge the alarm and automatic braking happens if he fails to press the button.

The ATP system, used in France and Germany and on

Eurotunnel trains, is more advanced than the warning system because it will take over if the driver is not braking. After the Clapham

rail crash in which 35 died, an inquiry report called for the system to be fitted in all trains. However, the £700million cust, and the system's unreli-

ability in trials, has meant it is heing used on only two domestic lines, the Great Western service, on which the crash train was travelling, and the Chiltern route out of Marylebone.

Trade union leaders yester day claimed that they had agreed an end to the practice of having an assistant driver only because of the prospect of a new warning system. The position of assistant driver, used as a "second pairs of eyes" on all trains travelling more than H0mph, was abandoned as part of restructuring by Great Western last year, in line with other companies.

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Private schools boost

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

BRIGHT pupils who go to independent schools are more likely to win places at top universities and secure wellpaid jobs than children of similar ability educated at state schools, according to research to be published later The findings cast doubt on

the common assumption that bright children will fulfil their potential in any environment. Instead, they suggest that parents confer an advantage on their children by rejecting the state system and investing up to £100,000 in school fees.

A study tracking the progress over a decade of 600 young people who scored similar marks in tests aged 11 but who took contrasting educational paths will reassure feepaying parents. Almost 40 per cent of the independent school pupils went on to Oxford. Cambridge or one of a small number of "elite" universities identified by the researchers, compared with fewer than 30 per cent of those from grammar schools and fewer than 10 per cent at comprehensive

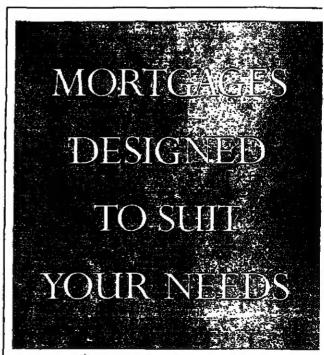
More than 20 per cent did not take any form of higher education after comprehensive schooling, compared with fewer than 15 per cent at grammar schools and fewer than 9 per cent in the indepen-

All the children chosen for the project passed entrance state or independent schools, or were judged capable of doing so. Of the 300 opting for independent schools, almost half were on assisted places in highly academic schools.

Those interviewed, who are now reduced to 346, were in their mid-twenties when the latest phase of the study was carried out last year. Almost two-thirds now have a degree and some are earning more than £30,000 a year.

The study, to be reported at

the European Conference on Educational Research, in Frankfurt, shows a strong link between educational achieve-Continued on page 2, col 5



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Brazil 1, Oxford and Cambridge submariners 0

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI

THE Oxford and Cambridge rowing crews sank vesterday in the Rio Negro in Brazil after waves caused by an unruly flotilia of yachts, motorboats and jet-skis carrying Brazilian spectators flooded their boats.

The crews, including several of the parsmen who took part in this year's Boat Race and others who had been in previous years' crews, sank halfway into an arduous 7.6 mile "Amazonian Boat Race", in which a Brazilian eight

made it to the finish. Twenty-five minutes into the race along the Rio Negro, a three-mile-wide Amazon tributary, hundreds of yachts, boats and other vessels, loaded with spectators, ignored warnings from navy patrol hoats and got too close.

The hoats accompanied the race which started from the port of Manaus, capital of Amazonas state. Dozens ignored loudspeaker warnings and crossed into the rowing lanes. Several high-speed boats swerved in and out of the crews' paths. The Oxford eight who were run-

ning third in the race, went down first. Cambridge, a few strokes behind the Brazilian team, sank minutes later. "We were hit by one large wave and

within no time the boat filled and we sank. Our boat also cracked and it was all over in a flash." Charlie Humphreys, 20, a biochemistry undergraduate who will be training to be in next year's Oxford Boat Race crew, said. The waves stirred by those boats who just got too close caused us to sink."

Tim Foster, 26, a member of England's Olympic fours and the stroke for the Oxford team, said: "The

waves were too difficult to cope with; the Brazilians had a better idea of where to be on the river."

The Oxford crew sat in their seats with water up their necks for several minutes before they were rescued. The Brazilian team made it past the

finish line after 46 minutes and thousands of people lining the sandy shores cheered. Most have never seen a boat race before and were just happy to know that their team had won.

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Labour to revive its computerised spin-doctor

EXCALIBUR, Labour's huge computer database, is to return to service amid concern among ministers over the effectiveness of Whitehall's public relations machine.

The computer, which formed the heart of the party's rapid rebuttal" media unit during the general election. has been out of action since May I due to lack of funds. Some ministers have been so dissatisfied with their departmental press officers that they have demanded Excalibur's return to ensure that any attacks based on incorrect information can be rebutted immediately. Excalibur can also give ministers political ammunition - which neutral civil servants cannot provide

footing" and step up its attacks on William Hague, the Tory

ball Excalibur has been criticised by Ken Follett, the Labour-supporting best-selling author who helped to set up the database. In a newspaper article he said: "An asset that cost £1 million has been wasted through sheer stupidity."

The decision to revive Excalibur ends an internal row over whether the party, which is £4.75 million in the red after the election, can afford the £250,000-a-year machine. Some officials argued that outside an election period. Excalibur was an unnecessary computer back into service

Government was taking

the first steps by setting up

regional economic dev-

elopment agencies in Eng-

years off." I don't think you

can get that before the end of this parliament, region-

al government," he told

However, ministers were pushing ahead with

an elected authority and

mayor for London, with a

referendum on May 7 -

the same day as the local elections — which he hoped would answer the

The Government had

made a start towards some

decentralisation by laying

plans to set up English regional development

agencies, but regional gov-ernment would take time

because of the structure of

local administration.

"doubting Thomases".

BBCI's On the Record.

Devolution plans on hold

MINISTERS bave shelved plans for English regional devolution until after the next election because of the wafer-thin

The decision was taken by ministers who feared the prospect of a series of divisive and time-consuming referendums disrupting the legislative programme.

John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, confirmed yesterday that the plans for English regional assemblies had been postponed. But he said that he hoped the "momentum" of decentralisation would eventually lead to a desire for elected English regional authorities, following the votes for a Scottish parliament and a Welsh

Mr Prescott said the

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could cost £500,000 because up-to-date information would have to be inputted and there would have to be new hardware. Labour chiefs have re-Labour's decision to mothsolved the issue by beginning an urgent search for external financial backers and extra

> Before the election, swift access to past policy announcements, speeches and to counter Tory propaganda and to clarify its shadow ministers' own statements. Since May I, however, all but one of Excalibur's ten staff at the party's Millbank headquarters near Westminster have gone. Although the computer is still switched on, little new information has been scanned into the system and it is hardly ever used. Before the election, huge volumes of new data, including speeches, press releases and newspa-pers, would be fed daily into

the computer.
A source said: "The system is effectively dead. Some of the more embarrassed officials are saying it is still running but it is not. The whole point about a database like Excalibur is that you keep feeding the machine with information. That is not happening at the moment." But he added: There are moves afoot to find new backers." Officials hope the computer will be back at full capacity by December 31.

Labour is looking for a series of "high value donors" to share the costs. In 1994, the initial set-up budget was covered by a big donation from Philip Jeffrey, the multimillionaire businessman. He is unlikely to provide the funding this time, sources

In his article, Mr Follett also criticised officials for rejecting a plan to turn the database into a commercial business that gave its services free to Labour. "No new scanning has been done since May I," he said. "A database deteriorates in a week or two if it is not updated. It is now worthless. Even the hardware needs



Sir Teddy Taylor on Southend seafront yesterday. He said he had been too polite in listening to the escape details

Tory MP denies plotting to spring friend from Indian jail

By Andrew Pierce, Political Correspondent

A LEADING Tory MP has been linked to an alleged plot to spring a British arms dealer from an Indian prison.

Sir Teddy Taylor confirmed vesterday that details of the attempt to rescue Peter Bleach. a member of his constituency party who faces a possible death sentence, were presented to him at the House of Commons last Wednesday.

He said he did not take the scheme seriously because it was so "complex and farfetched". One of those involved is John Miller, who was part of an unsuccessful attempt to snatch Ronnie Biggs from Brazil in 1981.

Mr Bleach is accused of supplying weapons to an extremist Hindu group. The News of the World yesterday quoted Sir Teddy as saying at a second meeting with Mr Miller on Saturday: "My friend [Bleach] has been very unfairly dealt with. You're going to have to get him. You've got the hig job of

getting him." The MP, who claimed the newspaper had quoted him out of context, said he had asked Mr Miller for details of the escape plan only because he wanted to tip off the authorities. Before he had time to make the call, however, he was confronted by the News of the World.

Labour MPs have called for an inquiry into the actions of Sir Teddy, an MP for 17 years. Sir Teddy said he became involved after an approach from a political contact who brought Mr Miller to the Commons. He wanted to ensure that the Indian courts knew that Mr Bleach had kept the British Government aware of his arms deal, even though Whitehall officials had tried to persuade him to abandon it.

"All I thought, in fairness to Peter - because this could lead to his being hanged was the least the [British] Government should do is tell the courts of India what had happened." Mr Taylor said. Mr Bleach. 45. a former

intelligence officer, will go on trial this week after being held in a Calcutta jail for 18 months. He is charged with abening the waging of war in

Sir Teddy said he was contacted again by Mr Miller.

Cabinet pay anger as

who said he had documents that would confirm the MPs theory that the Lockerbie bombing was carried out by a Syrian. They met in a pub near his Rochford and Southend East constituency. Mr Miller arrived with another man he has since discovered to be a reporter. Mr Miller had

no Lockerbie documents. Sir Teddy said: "At the first meeting. I didn't treat it seriously. At the second meeting, this chap [Miller] did seem to have some serious ideas.

"If you hear the whole tape. you will understand." He said he had been too polite in listening to the details of the plan. I just wanted a fair trial for Peter and at no time in any way have I been involved in a conspiracy to get him out."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Probation service bid on teenage tearaways

The probation service has bid to run a network of youth offender teams that will sunervise new government or ders designed to curb teenage tearways and make parents more respon

Jack Straw, the Home Seeretary, has received a memo from senior probation officers asking that they lead the ask of handling "extremeley problematical young people who break the law".

Youth crime is Mr Straw's main priority. He is to unveil proposals this week to force parents to impose curiews to stop their children roaming the streets at night, escort them to school to curb truancy and undergo up to three parenting.

Girl, 4, alone

home for two days with the body of her father, who was believed to have died of a heart attack. Police said Mary Gerrard thought that her father, Richard, was asleep. The girl was resened when neighbours in Rochdale, near Manchester, be-

Queen's role

The Scottish National Party will this week debate whether the Queen's role in an independent Scotland should be decided by a referendum. At its annual conference at Rothesay, on the island of Bute, the party will ask if the people should be allowed to choose the head of their newly independent country.

Spy partner freed

The girlfriend of David Shayler, the former MI5 of ficer, has been released on bail after being questioned about a breach of the Official Secrets Act. Anne Machon, 29, who left M15 at the same time as Mr Shayler, was held by Charing Cross police for six hours on Saturday. Mr Shayler remains abroad.

Library bequest

An art collection belonging to an Oxford University academic, estimated to be worth over £60,000, is to be sold to benefit the Bodleian Library in gratitude for its assistance bequest was made by the Rev Dr John Kelly, principal of St Edmund Hall for 28 years, who died in March.

Son faces eviction

Social security officials have told Dominic Gundry-White. 17, who lives alone in the family home in Bristol that they plan to evict him and sell the house to pay for the nursing home care of his father, John, 65, who has Alzheimer's disease. Dominic wants some of the sale proceeds to buy him a flat.

Dana campaign

The singer Dana is to extend her campaign for the Irish presidency to Britain and the United States this week. The former Eurovision Song Contest winner, 44, who is campaigning under her real name. Rosemary Scallon, is trailing in the presidential race. according to opinion

Red tape savings

All mergers between NHS trusts will be expected to save at least £500,000 in red tape within two years of going ahead. Alan Milburn, the Health Minister, said, Savings would be retained locally for investment in frontline services. There are 16 merger proposals involving 30 trusts at present.

Prescott seeks a deal they should worry less about public relations." There was growing criti-cism behind the scenes of the way the issue was handled

TRADE union leaders and left-wing Labour MPs reacted with fury yesterday to plans for Cabinet ministers to donate their £16.000 pay rises to charity next year to demonstrate restraint to public sector workers.

The proposal, which is being canvassed among ministers by John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, was mooted last week by Downing Street officials yesterday even as the fiasco over whether ministers would accept their rise was unfolding. The deci-sion not to take the extra money would save the Treasury £400,000 a year which. with inflation, would be close to £2 million by the next election. The memorial fund being set up in memory of Diana. Princess of Wales, would be the most likely beneficiary it the money went

to charity.

David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, accused ministers of engaging in public relation politics. The Labour government is in one almighty mess over public sector pay." he said "If the



John Prescott: looking

argument is that the country's economy cannot afford big pay increases then to take them anyway, and give them to charity, knocks a big hole in

after the Treasury ordered a freeze on the public sector pay bill next year. The freeze will hit the salaries of doctors. nurses, teachers and thousands of public servants. sions at last week's Cabinet meeting because many ministers felt they had been

bounced into the problem by Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, a bachelor who lives in a subsidised house, who let it be

for pay row solution

the Chancellor's case.
"We are in a worse position

now than we were under the last administration. I support the right of ministers to take the pay rise and wait for the day that the Government will acknowledge that head teachers, doctors and nurses are also entitled to salaries which recognise the importance of

that there had been a disagreement. But Mr Presentt said yesterday that there was "an argument in Cabinet on Thursday during a five-minute discussion. He then immediately corrected himself and described it as a "discussion".

There were heated discus-

known that he and his deputy

Alistair Darling would not be

Government sources denied

taking the rise.

"It certainly wasn't heated at all," he told the BBC1 On the Record programme. The charity proposal was being considered, he said.

Lib Dem coalition split **Schools**

Continued from page 1

ment and earning power . Sally Power, a Bristol University researcher who is one of four academics leading the project. said: "The students who went to private schools have certainly done better than those at comprehensives or grammar schools. We are still analysing how much this is a matter of background as much as differences in schools."

An opinion poll published today by the Independent Schools Information Service shows the continuing popularity of the assisted places scheme. Although the Government has now legislated to phase out assisted places. MORI found that more than half of all Labour voters thought the scheme a good use

Continued from page 1 Russell also speaks against cosying up with Labour and claims that Tony Blair has yet

to show his true colours, is arrogant in power and cannut deliver help for the poor within Tory spending limits. "We have grown in 40 years from the Rutland of British politics to the Scotland of British politics and a stubborn bloody-minded sense of our own identity is part of our survival kit. We will not go into an electoral pact. We cannot deliver our voters, let

alone our activists. "We will not go into a coalition on the basis of Mr Blair's present policies even if our leaders recommend it," says Lord Russell.

Last night Lord Holme, the party's spokesman on Northimplications of adopting PR at Westminster. "Anyone who campaigns for PR but rules out coaltion in any circumstances is suffering from a serious logic deficit."

Mr Ashdown's move to hack closer links coincided with a decision by Tony Blair to send two of his top lieuten-ants, Frank Field and Alistair Darling, to Eastbourne to address fringe meetings. Several Liberal Democrats

are uneasy about messages about closer cooperation because they feel it muddles the party's aim of trying to secure as many seats at Westminster as possible.

At a press briefing both Alan Beith, the Deputy Leader and Nick Harvey, Campaigns Chairman, said that the party had to provide constructive ern Ireland underlined the opposition to Labour and in many areas had to put up an equal fight against both Labour and the Tories.

MPs are also concerned that Mr Ashdown's desire to shine at the joint Cabinet committee will overshadow what should have been a celebration of a record number of Liberal Democrat MPs.

Speakers this week will highlight the need for the Liberal Democrats to have a distinctive identity and oppose Lahour over health and educa-

tion spending.
Mr Ashdown insisted that he wanted to use this new opportunity in British politics

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to "break the destructive trib-

alism in Britain."



How couple found hope for their son

Ian Murray on parents whose tragic misfortune was lightened

by a revolutionary fertility treatment for sterilised boys

WHEN Ian von Memerty met his future wife, Vivienne, in Johannesburg ten years ago, they found that they had a great deal in common. They were both extroverts. She was a dancer and he was an all-round entertainer, playing the piano, singing, dancing, acting and writing revues.

But it was only after they married and when their first child, a girl called Valeska, was two years old that they discovered something else in common: they were carriers of a rare abnormal gene, which meant their children were at serious risk from an inherited metabolic disorder that would

Their misfortune has led to their son becoming the first to benefit from a revolutionary treatment that will help boys about to be sterilised during cancer treatment to retain their fertility. The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority has given its approval.

Mr von Memerty said that, when the couple noticed their daughter was a little hard of hearing, "we weren't worried. but took her to see a paediatrician to be sure. He just happened to be someone who knew about the rare condition she was suffering

The chances of two people with the same genetic problem having children are less than one in a million." The trauma of funding that their genes had probably condemned their daughter to a painful and early death was worsened by the realisation that their unborn son might have the same

Only one in four babies born to parents in these cirease, but the danger made the couple consider an abortion. They decided against it because the only hope of marrow transplant, and

THE DOCTOR

SIMON FISHEL, 44, is a reproductive biologist who has been involved in research about infertility for more than 20 years. A colleague of Robert Edwards and the late Patrick Steptoe, he was part of the team that produced Louise Brown, the first test-tube haby, in 1978 and was deputy scientific director at Bourn Hail, Cambridge, the world's first test-tube baby clinic. In 1991 Mr Fishel set up

an infertility clinic at Nottingham, intended to be a self-financing unit to make money for the university. His breakthrough research while there included successfully using immature sperm cells to produce the first baby to be born to an infertile father. His team have also been the first in

Britain to inject a single

sperm into a mother's egg. In April he resigned from the unit and was told to leave immediately rather than work out his three months' notice. Sixteen members of his staff left with him to set up a private

In July the university issued a writ against him, seeking return of documents and information, plus damages for breach

save their daughter's life.

"It was not to be," Mr von

Memerty said. "Just before he

was born, they told us that

Oscar was probably ill with

the disease and we knew as

soon as we had him that he

was just as bad a case as his

"It was terrible. In three

a sibling can be a donor. If their unborn child was diagnosis, a birth and then another diagnosis. We needed healthy, he would be able to some very serious counsel-

of contract. The university

claimed that Mr Fishel

was undertaking private

work without permission.

He has since served a writ

for slander against a mem-

Whatever the outcome of

the legal argument, his expertise in infertility treat-

ment has made him an

acknowledged world ex-

pert on the subject. He has

published over 100 scientif-

ic papers on infertility and

three books on in-vitro

fertilisation. He organised

the first world congress on

immature sperm concep-

tion in Rome two years ago

and he has published

much of his work on the

ber of the unit's staff.

ling."

The pain is still in his eyes but he can now talk about his children's condition almost dispassionately, spelling out the difficult words like a lecturer to students. "They are suffering from a form of mucopolysaccharidosis known as Maroteaux-Lamy syndrome,"

cannot expel fatty acids from their cells throughout the body. The cells store the fatty acids and swell.

"The prognosis is death by the late teens or early twenties. The child becomes crippled, wheelchair bound, unable to comb the hair, wash, feed or look after itself. The hearing and sight are vastly impaired. Mentally, the child is absolutely fine. Inside that tormented body, the brain is working normally. The frus-tration is terrible while they wait to die." The couple began a world-

wide search for a hospital

capable of providing bone marrow treatment. "I went hospital-shopping," Mr von Memerty said, "We narrowed it down to Minneapolis, Great Ormond Street and the Manchester Children's Hospital. We chose Manchester because they have a small unit specialise in this kind of care. They have a great success rate and we have every faith in them. What is more, it is only a third the price of the States and around half what it would have cost if we had stayed in London. In Manchester we can afford to have a house, whereas in London we would have been cramped in a finy

To raise the money needed for the treatment, the couple decided last December to use their showbusiness contacts, to publicise their case on television and to play on public sympathy. "You have to market tragedy. When you are faced with this sort of choice, dignity flies out the window."

In February Mr von Memerty flew to Manchester with blood and urine samples so that donors could be matched. By May they had raised a million rand (£145,000), enough to pay for the treatment and accommodation for a year. "There was never any question of asking



Ian and Vivienne von Memerty yesterday with Oscar and, foreground, Valeska

South Africa is an emerging nation with enormous

At the end of July Valeska began her 40-day transplant treatment. The couple shared a 24-hour vigil by her bedside throughout. She was released two weeks ago and already her parents notice a change for

When a South African television company told them

about work being done in Nottingham on restoring fertility to children who had been sterilised by chemotherapy, they decided immediately to volunteer Oscar as a trial

patient. "If you are going to play God, then you have got to do it properly. This is a child who was doomed to be crippled and die but who I now hope walk, run, maybe fall in love. marry and want to have children.'

For Vivienne, their decision to take part in the experiment goes beyond their son. "After all that has been done for us, we feel obliged to do something which will help other children who will face this kind of problem. There is now

Present holds key to future success

DR THOMAS STUTTATURE

IT IS easy to understand why any parent would wish to protect the reproductive capability of their child: the desire for procreation and perpetuation is very strong. In this respect the charm of the baby involved is irrelevant.

The important feature in this case is that there are about 500 children in Britain who are the subject of sterilising, but if there might be a way of preserving the sperm-pro ducing capability a parent will want to seize it

Simon Fishel, is now doing research on the preservation of the sper-

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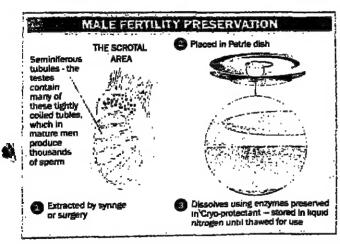
child. He hopes to be able to salvage the appropriate cells before the child is irradiated so that 15-20 years later they may be taken out of the refrigerator and be reinjected back into the patient's previously infertile testis.

He claims evidence from rats and mice that his procedure will work. But there is as yet no evidence that it will succeed in humans. Any proof will only be available in 15-20 years' time when this generation of irradiated babies grows up and mates. In the meantime there will be a steady demand for Dr Fishel's expertise and stor-

age facilities.
The problems will not only centre on the storage of the spermatogenetic tissue from the baby but whether the baby's testis. which was so damaged by the initial irradiation and would therefore have grown in a very different way, will in 20 years' time be capable of being restored to a state in which the formerly frozen spermatogenetic material will become established and produce viable sperm. 🕟

In the meantime any older people, whether post-pubertal or adult who are having irradiation, should store sperm.

months we went through a he said. "This means they for money from the state. The technique that can help boys bank on future



STUDIES on sterilised mice have that it is possible to restore fertility to children who have had their reproductive systems destroyed by chemo-

Restoring fertility after chemotherapy is slightly easier for girls because they are born with all the eggs they will have. By removing ovarian tissue with its immature eggs and freezing it for storage until the woman is fit and old enough, it is possible to help her to have a child.

For boys, the problem is complicated by the fact that they do not produce sperm until puberty and they are not therefore capable of fertilising eggs. The studies with sterilised mice in

THE OPERATION

America and Japan have given hope that this problem can be overcome. In these studies, the testicles of

sterilised male mice have been injected with ceils taken from the semeniferous tubules of an immature mouse. These tiny tubules are several miles long, coiled inside the testes and semen are produced in them. By injecting young but immature cells into the testes of the sterile mice, they have been "repopulated" and made once again capable of reproduction.

It is this technique that the Nottingham clinic will follow with Oscar von Memerty. Under anaesthetic, the cells will probably he sucked up using a wide hypodermic needle, or they may be taken out by making a tiny incision. The cells will then be put into a Petrie dish, dissolved in enzymes and held in suspension with a kind of anti-freeze called cryo-protectant. They will be stored in a container of liquid nitrogen until they are needed when they can be thawed out and reinjected.

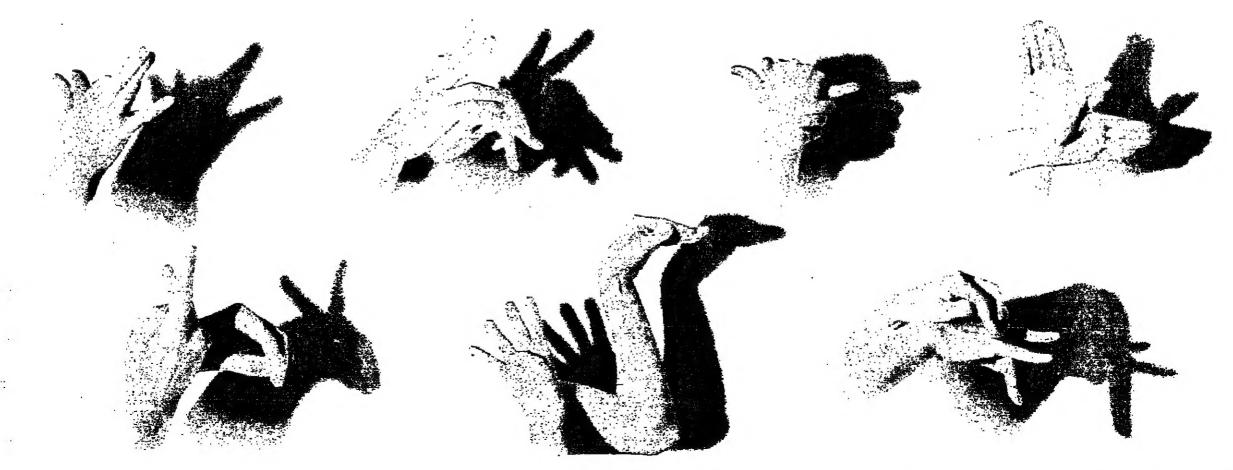
Simon Fishel, thereproductive biologist who has evolved the technique, freely admits that success is not certain, even though it appears to work perfectly with mice. The tuhules may atrophy over the 15 years before Oscar

is ready for them to be reinjected. There are probably problems out there that we haven't even thought of vet, but medical science moves fast and who knows what will happen over the next 20 years," Mr Fishel said.

"All we do know is that if we do nothing, Oscar will have no chance. This way there is certainly hope and we can start finding things out on behalf of all the children who are made sterile in this way. If we do nothing.

nothing will happen."

A total of 1,130 children under the age of 15 are diagnosed with cancer every year. About 70 per cent of them survive and lead normal lives after treatment, aithough most are



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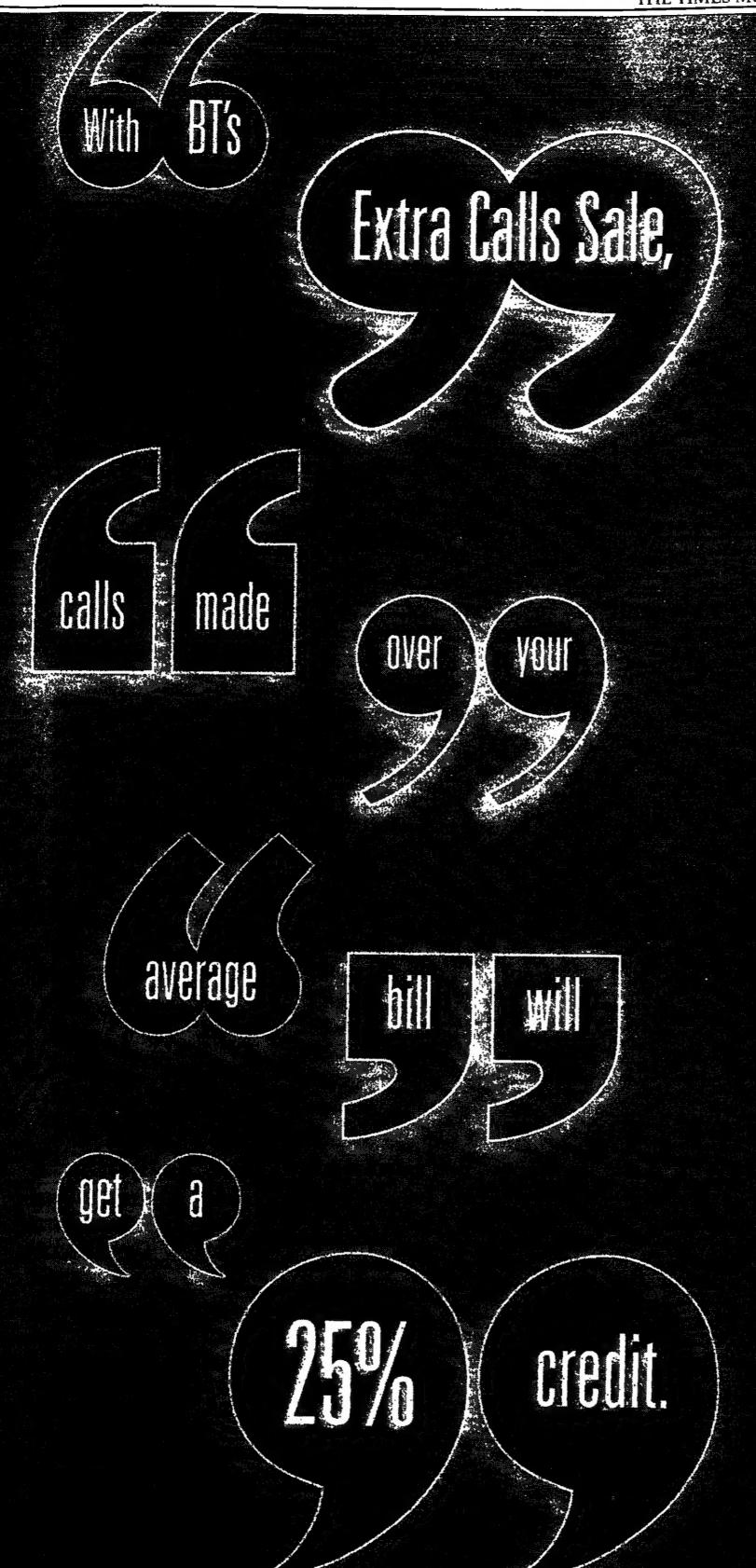
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Nelson's last orders were for more port

A receipt reveals admiral spent half his pay on drink

before Trafalgar, writes Philip Delves Broughton

NELSON'S reputation for modesty and sobriety may be at risk after the discovery that six weeks before the Battle of Trafalgar he spent more than half his annual salary on port. A receipt and letter, both addressed to the Rt Hon Lord Nelson, were found recently by a Norfolk antique dealer and confirm the admiral's order of three pipes - 375

gallons — of top quality port costing £308 and two shillings. A Bank of England spokes-man said the equivalent amount at today's prices was f8.571 E8,571.

The receipt shows the wine was delivered on September 7, 1805, to Nelson's estate at Merton Place in Surrey where he lived with his mistress, Lady Hamilton. Unfortunately he never enjoyed the port as 45 days later, on October 21, he died in Hardy's arms having been shot as he stood on the deck of HMS Victory at

Trafalgar.
The handwritten order of September 2 from wine merchant James Lavell of St Martin's Lane, London, says each pipe of port is priced at £102 with packing £2 extra.

It states: "James Lavell has sent in a bill of purchase of the three pipes of port by desires of my Lord at the very lowest price and will let them be as good as that or superior to any witch [sic] your lordship would pay £115 for, and shall take care that the gentlemen shall be perfectly satisfied." It adds: "I will send your

lordship an account of when they are all bottled and carefully done witch I will be careful to do.

"In the very best manner by your lordship's faithful and very much obliged servant with humble thanks and greatest respect. James

Andrew Bullock, head of the books and collectors department at GA Key auctioneers in Aylsham, Norfolk, who are

early and also receive a free 56K

considerable cost by Nelson.

"At the time he must have known there was a strong likelihood that he was going to be fighting the French at sea. It appears he must have been planning a monumental party to mark his victory.

"It is just a shame that he

was not able to be there There are several curiosities

in this order. Firstly, Nelson is unlikely to have taken the port with him to sea as all of his food and drinking needs were taken care of by the

Admiralty.
Secondly, port was never really his drink. He preferred the sweet Italian Marsala wine. No jaunt through the Mediterranean for him was

Nelson: ordered 375

gallons of port

credit card era. "Nelson used to moan about her extravagance, but went along with anything she "Lady Hamilton was born a blacksmith's daughter and when she married into high society it went to her head. She nearly broke her husband financially and there was no doubt that she would have

> had lived. "Forking out half his annual salary on port was a huge expense, particularly as he still had to pay for the running of his estate and alimony for his wife who he separated

> done the same to Nelson if he

the port purchase.

from in 1801. "It is possible that Lady Hamilton might have bought it in his name and he might not have known anything about it until he got the bill." After Nelson's death, Lady Hamilton continued spending

extravagantly and eventually bankrupted herself. She was forced to pawn all her possessions, including her wedding



Barbara Mayo was found strangled 27 years ago. She had been raped

DNA clues may solve 1970 killing

By Russell Jenkins

pected to disclose the discovery of a DNA clue which they hope will lead them to the killer of Barbara Mayo, a 24year-old teacher found battered, raped and strangled

near the MI 27 years ago. Derbyshire Constabularly is confident that the net may be closing on a double killer who they believe picked up women travelling alone on motorways and sexually assaulted them before killing them. The death of Miss Mayo was officially linked by police to the murder, seven months earlier, in March 1970, of another lone hiker. Jacki Ansell-Lamb, 18, a secretary from London who in Manchester, was found half-naked and face down on frozen farm land in Mere, Cheshire, close to the

Detectives hope that modern techniques not open to the original murder squad may provide the breakthrough. It is believed that the Derbyshire force has come up with the DNA "fingerprint" of the killer from a stain on clothing found close to the dead teacher. DNA can be recovered from blood, semen or saliva.

Police bave opened an incident room at Chesterfield police station. Don Dovaston, Assistant Chief Constable (Operations), will today issue a renewed public appeal for information at a press conference. Mr Dovaston said: "This investigation has never

DETECTIVES are today ex- closed since Barbara's body was found in Derbyshire in the autumn of 1970. We will be releasing important new information which may help us to bring the killer to justice."

He has been involved in Operation Enigma, a national research project set up last year to discover links between solved and unsolved murders of women going back a decade.

The Derbyshire force has been at the forefront of DNA profiling. It has been running its own research project bring modern policing techniques to bear on the murders of women and children going back 30 to 40 years. One of the techniques open to modern detective is to test DNA samples from clothing or body tissue and match it against samples locked inside a national DNA database.

Miss Mayo's body was found by picnickers in Ault Hucknall Wood, one and a half miles from junction 29 of the MI, on October 18, 1970. She had set off from London six days earlier to hitch-hike to Catterick.

At the time the murder hunt represented the most extensive undertaken by a British force.

A 26 strong serious crime bureau, with an annual bud-get of £1.7 million, is being set up to examine a unsolved murders including gay killings and serious sex

Husband in murder inquiry dies

RY TIM JONES

A FORMER policeman collapsed and died days after being questioned again over the disappearance of his former wife 26 years ago.

Detectives had hoped that DNA detection procedures, which were unknown at the time she vanished, would help to determine whether Michael Johnson, 52, had been responsible for murdering her.

Mr Johnson, who was detained by detectives last Tuesday morning at his

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home in Eastleigh, Hampshire, suf-fered a heart attack and died on Saturday. His first wife, Caroline, a cook and dietitian, was 25 when she vanished in 1971 from their home in

Chandler's Ford, Hampshire. Mr Johnson, who had been interviewed several times by police, always claimed he last saw his wife when she stormed out of their home after an argument, leaving him to look after their two daughers, Sarah and Frances, then aged four and six.

searched the family home and dug up the garden but found no evidence to

connect him with any crime. Last week, forensic scientists arrived at the new home Mr Johnson shared with his second wife, Angela. They used high-technology equipment to examine his garden and took

numerous items from his home. When his wife, described as 5ft tall. brown eyed and plump and with a ruddy complexion disappeared, Mr Johnson said: "I didn't murder her

added: "She liked men and liked to be noticed. She couldn't stand the restrictions of married life."

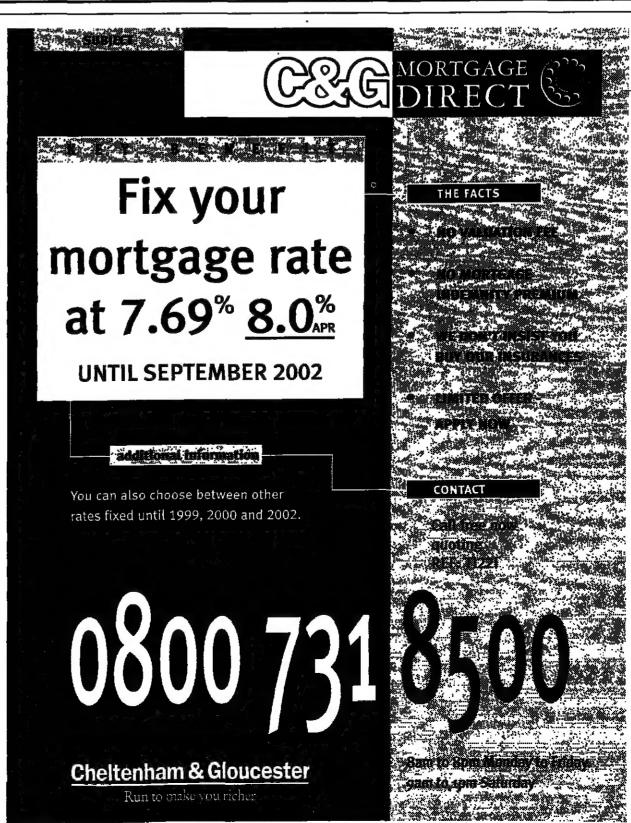
Mr Johnson, who resigned from the force in 1974, collapsed while working on his boat at Kemp's Quay, Bitterne, Southampton.

Last night Robert Pender, the husband of the missing woman's sister, said from his home in Melbourne: "Now Michael has died it will almost certainly remain a mystery for



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Hague's grassroots plan backfires

Only a quarter of members have voted in the ballot for party reform. The result will hardly be a ringing endorsement, writes Andrew Pierce

WILLIAM HAGUE'S unprecedented attempt to secure the endorsement of grassroots members of the Conservative Party has backfired. Only a quarter are believed to have voted in the ballot that was supposed to crown him the undisputed leader at next month's party conference.

About 400,000 ballot papers have been sent out by Central Office, but the absence of a centralised membership list, and the disarray caused by May's election landslide, has meant that many forms never reached their intended destinations. Others went to people who died years ago.

"I will be amazed if we get more than 100,000 papers back," said one Tory strategist last night. "But at least we have begun the process of internal party democracy.

Mr Hague's criticism of the Welsh referendum result last week could return to haunt him. He said that the size of the vote, which could be even less convincing than his own endorsement in the leadership ballot, was "not a proper mandate" for a Welsh assembly.

It emerged that Mr Hague is facing increasing opposition from MPs to his plans to give



William Hague: under

the mass membership a say in future leadership contests. A preferred option in the "green paper" for party reform, which will be unveiled at the conference in Blackpool next month, gives MPs the right to run American-style primary contests in the privacy of the Palace of Westminster

Criticism of Mr Hague's attempts to reform the party burst into the open in a letter to The Times on Saturday from Alan Clark, the former minister. Mr Clark criticised Mr Hague's decision to ask one question on the ballot paper - linking the endorsement of his leadership with the acceptance of six principles for reform of the party. Mr Clark believed they should be separate questions.

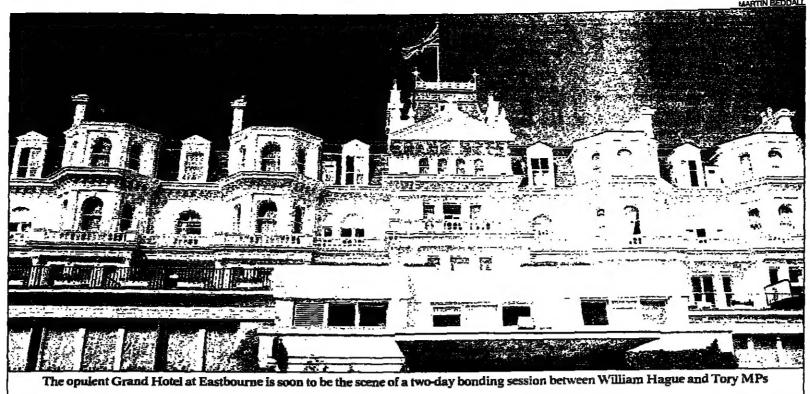
The speculation over Mr Hague's leadership continued at the weekend when it was confirmed that Michael Portillo would speak at the conference. Chris Patten will speak the eve of Mr Hague's keynote address to the conference. One Tory MP said: "The

big cats are circling."
Having endured his worst week since becoming leader, there was support today for Mr Hague from Norman Lamont, the former Chancellor, and Michael Trend, the party's deputy chairman, in etters to The Times.

Mr Trend delivered a sharp rebuff to Mr Clark. He wrote: The order of the day is: change or oblivion. William Hague has a clear and consistent vision for change. The party must grasp it and work through the details, or face the inevitable consequences."
An unrepentant Mr Hague

will resume his nationwide tour today with a visit to East Anglia. He will deliver three speeches to party activists to try to summon support for the ballot, which closes on Wednesday.

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Tories head for a seaside 'love-in'

BY NICHOLAS WOOD

A LUXURY five-star hotel in Eastbourne — the Sussex resort dubbed the retirement home of southern England — has been chosen by William Hague as the venue for his two-day "bonding session"

with Tory MPs.

Mr Hague and his colleagues will attempt to rebuild party unity next month amid the marbled splendour of the Grand, a handsome Victorian pile on

The opulent hotel, where a suite costs £270 a night and a single room up to £130, has 164 rooms - one fewer than the depleted ranks of the notoriously fractious parliamentary Conservative Party.

But it seems unlikely that Kenneth Clarke will be asked to double up with Teresa Gorman. The presence of husband and wife teams such as the Bottomleys and the Wintertons should ensure that no one needs to share a

HOW ROLE-PLAYING GAMES CAN RAISE MORALE

COMPANIES that design team-building breaks recommend that William Hague organise role-playing games and creative projects to force demoralised and insular

MPs to work together.

Peter Maxwell, course director of the Leadership Trust, which has designed breaks for Bardays Bank and C&A, said the situation faced by the Tories was very similar to that of many of his clients. "You have a company that has recently

room. As Mr Hague admitted this week, Tory MPs.

notorious for their mutual

loathing, are "terrified" at the

prospect of being required to

games or ~ even worse -

But in a speech to party workers on Thursday night

in Stockton-on-Tees, the Tory

leader insisted that he would

not tolerate the backbiting

"I am determined that our

John Major's premiership.

feuding that marred

hug one another.

and

US-style executive

parliamentary party is going to feel like, and behave like, a united political team ... They are going to get into the habit of behaving like a united political team. They are jolly

managers."

towards the same goal."

well going to have to be a united political team." But Mr Hague's choice of the Grand should ensure that his political love-in does not prove too arduous. The hotel scores 75 per cent in the Egon Ronay rankings, placing it only one notch down from establishments such as

Claridge's and the Ritz. MPs seeking to unwind after a strenuous day's work pretending to be lost in the desert will be able to escape to the hotel's leisure club, which includes a pool, sauna, steam room and solarium. A Jacuzzi is on hand for those who want to take their bonding

seen some serious downsizing at a senior

level, and the staff are badly demoralised," he said. There is a new

chief executive who has yet to win

everybody's trust and respect, and there is bad blood between many of the

Mr Marwell said: "I would set up small

team projects, where different people

would have different roles but work

sessions a step further. The purple prose of the brochure gives further encouragement to sybarites. Spacious, gracious and individual, this award-winning

hotel is everything you could wish for and more. From secluded terraces and peaceful eardens to poolside barbecues and jazz bands ... and from the extensive facilities of the Leisure Club to the gastronomic delights of the famous Mirabelle restaurant, the Grand can match your every

Alternatively. MPs can sample the delights of Eastbourne - best known for the fact that one in three of the inhabitants is a pensioner.

They have received a letter from Mr Hague telling them to report to Eastbourne on October 21-22.

Attendance is clearly intended to be compulsory. Would-be refuseniks have been told that they will have to make their excuses to the

Chief Whip. Beachy Head is among the local tourist attractions which might prove a comfort to any MP who concludes that he was right to hate his colleagues after all.

Ministry * accused of cover-up over Gulf vaccines

By MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Ministry of Defence is being accused of a cover-up to protect a senior civil servant over the failure to alert ministers to the dangers of giving Gulf War troops multiple

vaccines. The mixture of drugs has been blamed by thousands of veterans as the most likely cause of their illnesses, which they call Gulf War syndrome. An internal investigation by the MoD into why a Department of Health memo warning of the dangers was not discovered by ministers until May this year has failed to fix any blame. Next month MPs will be told that no disciplinary action is to be taken against any individuals.

Tory ministers approved the multiple vaccine programme to protect troops from anthrax, bubonic plague and other biological germs. They were also given pertussis, or whooping cough,

The Department of Health, however, had sent a memo to the MoD in 1990, warning that research had shown that mice given anthrax and whooping cough vaccines had suffered "serious loss of condition and weight". The memo was seen by officials, but not by ministers.

Although suspicions finally focused on one senior civil servant. MoD sources said yesterday that no action was being taken against individuals and the matter was closed. Tony Flint, of the National Gulf Veterans and Families Association, said: "I think the MoD is covering up. They either can't find someone to blame, or they don't want to because the official is a senior civil servant."

MoD sources said they could not establish precisely what happened after they received the warning. This event occurred at a time of great crisis and fog of war,"

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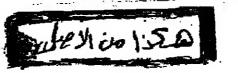


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Crash inquiry may be delayed until next year

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

A PUBLIC inquiry into the train crash that killed six people on Friday could be delayed until next year while safety and police investigations are completed. But John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, has asked to be told immediately if investigations reveal any failings that need to be rectified ahead of a formal report or public inquiry.

Six passengers remained seriously ill in hospital last night. Cranes yesterday removed wrecked carriages from the scene of the accident at Southall, west London, and the operation to repair the badly damaged lines continued round-the-clock.

The crash happened when the InterCity service from Swansea to London crashed into an empty freight train that was crossing its path on its way into railway sidings. The InterCity driver, who comes from London, was questioned within hours of the accident and released on rolice hail

Mr Prescott said that any urgent problems uncovered by the investigations would be tackled immeditately. Police and the Health and Safety Executive spent the weekend examining computer records of trackside signals. Officials at Railtrack, the track and signalling company which is conducting its own inquiry, said that initial investigations had ruled out track damage as a cause of the accident. It had also been established that the freight train involved in the crash had been correctly guided across the high-speed line.

Trackside signalling information relayed to the driver of the passenger train will be crucial in determining whether equipment fault or driver error was the main cause of the accident.

The Health and Safety Executive will this week give details of the scope of the public inquiry. It has begun an initial investigation, but the public inquiry could be de-



Clive Brain, who died in first-class carriage

if police press manslaughter charges against the driver of

the passenger train.

A spokesman for the Health and Safety Executive said that the public inquiry "would not prejudice any prosecution action". Manslaughter charges against a driver of a train that crashed last year at Watford Junction will not be heard until next year.

Safety investigators will also seek evidence from passengers about the number of people on the 10.32am train. Train companies operating commuter routes in southeast England are subject to heavy fines if they exceed limits on the percentage of passengers who have to stand but the rules do not apply to InterCity services.

Survivors of Friday's crash, in which 170 were injured, reported packed carriages with large numbers of people standing although Great Western said that the train was not filled to capacity.

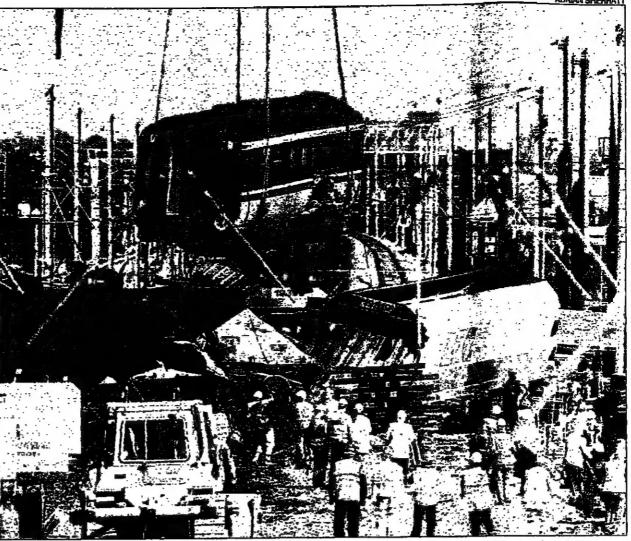
The wife of one of those killed said yesterday that her husband rarely travelled first-class, the section that bore the brunt of the impact. Clive Brain, 57, was principal of Swindon College. Wiltshire. His wife, Gill, a college principal in Salisbury, said: "For a long time we would laugh about business people going

first-class and how we were saving the college money by going second-class. But recently he had found it difficult to work in second-class."

The five other passengers killed were: Peter Kavanagh, 30, a lawyer from Laindon, Essex; Anthony Petch, 52, a company director from Thornbury, near Bristol: Marcus Olander, 60, a radio journalist from Sweden; Gerard Traynor, 38, a leisure and tourism officer from Boldon; David Eustace, 53, a former army officer from Deal, Kent.

A consultant surgeon badly

injured in the crash may not lose the sight of his right eye, as was first feared. Michael Hellier, 55, was in the first-class carriage. Mark Purcell, a spokesman for Ealing Hospital, said: "We can't say 100 per cent but his sight has been been better in the past 24 hours."



Cranes were brought in to move carriages yesterday as part of the round-the-clock operation to clear the line

ITV chief gives hint on News at Ten move

By RAYMOND SNODDY MEDIA EDITOR

THE new heads of ITV and Channel 4 vesterday promised radical changes for viewers.

David Liddiment, who took over as director of the ITV network last Monday, told the Royal Television Society's biennial convention in Cambridge that he had to be sure that "every part of the ITV schedule is as commercial as

everything else".

This is regarded as code for the growing belief in ITV that News at Ten should be moved. Because of the 9pm watershed for more adult viewing. News at Ten interrupts many films

and dramas.

Mr Liddiment also hinted that he may ask ITV companies for more money to reverse a loss of viewing share to the BBC, cable and satellite.

Michael Jackson, the recent-

Michael Jackson, the recently appointed successor to Michael Grade as chief executive of Channel 4, promised "more drama, more Film on Four, a decrease in the number of acquisitions and more programmes of ambition".

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No Great Western or Thames Trains services will operate from Paddington today. Passengers using the two services—to the West Country, South Wales and the Midlands—should travel to Reading from Waterloo before changing to their normal trains. Passengers who normally travel into Pad-

dington on the two services are advised to change at Reading and continue their journey to Waterloo. South West Trains, operating out of Waterloo, will provide extra services to cope with the increase in demand. Paddington services are expected to return almost to normal tomorrow.



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ny, has entered the top ten at

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Best Tunes, which has been

running for 38 years. The

piece was used last year as the relevision theme tune for the Maura Clarke, the pro-Furo 96 football championship, Handel's Water Music. often played at weddings these days, was the third most popular tune. In 1993, when the last poll was conducted, it was number 90. Holst's suite. The Planets, had its highest-ever entry at number nine. The hymn I Vow

To Thee My Country, which is set to the music of Jupiter, was a favourite of Diana, Princess



Georges Bizet and Jean Sibelius: compositions topped the Radio 2 favourites

Football theme leaps up chart of favourite classics

CLASSIC tunes popularised by football, weddings and the A Radio 2 list tastes of Diana, Princess of shows how tastes Wales have arrived among the upper reaches of Radio 2 listeners' classical favourites. can be swayed However, staff on Your Hundred Best Tunes, which is by events, writes hosted by Alan Keith, at 89 the oldest network broadcaster in Britain, say their listeners are Carol Midgley unlikely to be influenced by the rise of compilation CDs. and the use of classical music

of Wales and was sung at her funeral as well as her wedding.

However, this year's poll was again topped by the tune favourite in 1993 and 1984 -the duet for tenor and baritone Aux Fonds du Temple Saint Un the Depths of the Temple), from Bizet's opera The Pearl

gramme's producer, said: The listeners are very committed, very traditional and really know their stuff about classical music. They are ex-tremely knowledgeable about music, and many were introduced to the programme via their families when they were

To be honest, I think a lot of them might think a compilation CD was a bit vulgar. We get stacks of letters every week and you do get the impression the audience are of a generation we will never have again. Having said that, we get letters from people as young as 25 sending in their top 100

The programme is playing items from the list in groups of ten each week, culminating on October 26 with the top ten.

Ms Clarke added: "The list is very much what we would expect, although Alan was a bit surprised by the inclusion of the little parlour song Eleanore (by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor) which came in at

Mr Keith does not underestimate his audience. "I don't play down to my listeners," he has said. "I'm not afraid to use a three-syllable world. I will introduce pieces that don't normally come into the realm of popular classics."

His fans are among the BBC's most loyal listeners. One wrote to say: "Winston Churchill said when he got to Heaven he would spend the first million years painting. I'd like to spend the first million years listening to Your Hundred Best Tunes."

The 1997 poll. Your Hundred Best Tunes

- In the Depths of the Temple, duet from Bizet's The Pearl Fishers Finlandia, Sibellus
- Handel's Water Music
- Rusalka's Song to the Moon, from Rusalka, Dvorak
- Ode to Joy, from Beethoven's Symphony No 9 (the Choral)
- Adagio, from Elgar's Cello Concerto
- The Nuns' Chorus from Casanova, J Strauss II
- Rachmaninov's Plano Concerto No 2 in C minor The Planets, Holst
- 10 : Know That My Redeemer Liveth from Handel's Messiah
- 11 Old Corprades March, Teike 12 Adagio from Bruch's Violin Concerto No 1in G minor 56 Overture, Rossini's William Tell
- 57 Gloire Immortalle (The Soldiers' Chorus). Gounod 13 Panis Angelicus, Cesar Franck 14 Adaglo for Strings, Samuel Barber 58 Jerusalem, Parry

67 Vilja from Lehar's Merry Widow

69 Barcarolle from the Tales of Hoffmann. Offenbach

70 Lucia's Mad Scene from Donizetti's Lucia di

71 The Humming Chorus from Puccini's Madam

74 Romance from Chopin's Piano Concerto No 1

76 Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody No 3 in D major.

75 Wine , Women and Song Waltz. Johann Strauss II

78 When I am Laid in Earth from Purcell's Dido and

79 Don't Be Cross from the Master Miner, Zetler

84 Variations on a theme by Haydn, Brahms

85 Jesu, Joy of Mans' Desiring from Bach's Cantana

89 Che Gelida Manina from Puccini's La Boheme

90 Saint-Saens's Violin Concerto No 3 in B minor

91 Intermezzo, from Puccins's Manon Lescaut

94 Agnus Dei from Mozart's Coronation Mass

37 Toccata from The Gothic Suite, Boellman

100 Bellini's Oboe Concerto in E Flat Major

95 Andante from Elchner's Harp Concerto in C

92 Trumpet Voluntray, Jeremieh Clarke

93 Bach's Cantata No 140 (Wachet aut)

72 Intermezzo from Lalo's Cello Concerto

77 The Heavens are Telling from Haydn's

The Creation

80 Standchen, Schubert

83.Gebet, Schubert

81-Love Duet from Puccini's Tosca

36 Ballet Music from Gounod's Faust

28 Overture from Handel's Bernice

82 Leanin, Stemdale Bermett

87 Reinecke's Harp Concerto

96 Wedding Cake, Saint-Seens

98 Cavatina, Joachim Raff

99 Serenade, Hofstetter

73 A Te, O Cara from Bellini's I Puritani

66 Zadok the Priest, Hande!

- 15 Love duet from Madam Butterfly, Puccini '59 Londonderry Air, trad 60 Overture, Rossini's The Thieving Magnie 16 Nimpod from Elgar's Enigme Variations
- 61 Eleanore, Samuel Colendge-Taylor 17 Handel's Largo (Ombra Mei Fu), from Serse 62 8 mio Tesoro intanto from Mozart's Don Giovanni 18 Ballero from Canteloube's Songs of The Auvergne 63 Vesti la Giubba from Leoncavallo's Pagliacci 19 Rondo from Mozart's Horn Concerto No 4
- 84 in a Monastery Garden, Ketelbey 20 Sanctus from Schubert's German Mass 65 None but the Lonely Heart, Tchaikovsky 21 Walton's Coronation March, Crown Imperial 66 Largo Al Factotum from Rossini's The Earther of -22 The Chorus of the Hebrey Slaves from Verdi's
- 23 Intermezzo from Mescagol's Cevelleria Rusticana 24 Beathoven's Plano Conserto No Sin E flat
- 25 Andante from Mozart's Plano Concerto No 21 in C (K467)
- 26 Grand Merch from Verdi's Aida
- 27 Besthoven's Symphony No 6 (the Pastoral) final movement 28 Ave Verian corpus, Mozart
- 29 Romance from the Gadfly, Shostakovich 39 What is Life? from Gluck's Orfeo ed Euridice 31 Pomp and Circumstance March No 1. Elgar 32 Hallelulah Chorus from Handel's Messiah
- 33 Mozart's Clarinet Concerto (K622) 34 The Holy City, Stephen Adams
- 35 The Watermill Rogald Binge
- 36 Large from Dworak's Syphony No 9 (From the New World).
- 37 The Creed, Grechaninov 38 The Arrivel of the Queen of Shebe from Handel's
- 39 Meditation from Massenet's Thais 40 Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto
- 41 Greation's Hymn, Bestroven 42 Listen to the Mockingbird, Alice Hawthome
- 43 Ave Maria, Schubert 44 Hungarian Dance No 6 in D. Brahms
- 45 The Bridge Chorus from Wagner's Lohengrin 46 All in the April Evening Robertson
- 47 Grieg's Pear Gynt 48 How Lovely is thy Dwelling Place from Brahm's
- 49 Mon Coeur S'ouvre a la You from Samson Et Dalila,
- 50 Mozart's Flute and Harp Concerto (K299)
- 51 Nessun Dorma, from Puccini's Turandot 52 Pachelbel's Canon in D.
- 53 The Easter Hymn from Mascagni's Cavalleria

84 March from Sibelius's Karelia suite

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- 4 Brush's Violin Concerto

Concerto No 21 (K457)

- 9 The Holy City.
- 10 Nimrod, from Elgar's Enigma Vanations

contraceptive."

Dolly takes a step down family way

Dolly the sheep, the world's first animal cloned from an adult cell, are noping to mate it with a ram of the same

Dolly is undergoing fertility tests at the Roslin Institute near Edinburgh and and the search has begun for a suitable mate. The institute, the main British centre for research on farm animal genet-ics, is confident that Dolly will he able to have a natural birth.

Professor Graham Bulfield, director and chief executive of the institute, said that staff were seeking a mate from the same Finn Dorset breed, "It took eight to ten years to get to the Dolly stage." he said. "We had 3,000 calls from all around the world in the first two days of Dolly entering the stage. I am sure the next stage

will be an equal success." The institute's hopes of a productive union have been boosted by the birth earlier this year of lambs to Megan and Moran sheep that were cloned a year before Dolly

from embryo cells. But before Dolly can be subjected to the rigours of mating and parenthood it faces an austere dietary regime. Its weight has ballooned to about 45 kg because so

many visitors bring gifts, parricularly photographers. Professor Bulfield said that Dolly thrived on media attention. "Dolly loves fuss and

SCIENTISTS who created attention, and performs for the cameras. She enjoys her star status."

Health

Footballers a

winters over

The result is a temporary banishment by day to a nearby hillside far from public view. However, by night Dolly is back in a secure pen because of the threat of roving dogs to the world's most valuable

Geneticists at the institute have a further problem: Dolly's age. The sheep was born 14 months ago but the mammary tissue used to clone it was from a six-year-old ewe. "Is Dolly seven or is she 14 months?" the Professor said. The fertility tests could help to answer the question.

The institute has yet to decide whether to let Dolly and its mate breed in the conventional way or whether to use artificial insemination.



Dolly: scientists are

Scientists discover contraceptive worm

By Nick Nuttall, technology correspondent

A TAPE worm that lives in fish may offer the key to an effective male contraceptive pili for humans.

Scientists studying Ligula intestinalis, which spends part of its life in fish such as roach, have found that it has an impact on the reproductive system. Professor Chris Arme of Keele University said yesterday: "It's a tape worm

The worm can have similar effects on toads. Professor Arme, based at the university's centre for applied entomology and parasitology, said that the hormone systems of fish through to mammals operate similarly. "So if we can pinpoint the substance in the worm . . . the significance of a novel method for controlling reproduction in higher vertebrates, including humans, is clear."

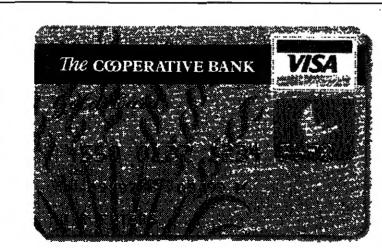
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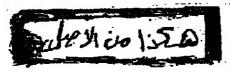
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Health experts order inquiry into MDF risk

launched into the possible health hazards of mediumdensity fibreboard, after claims that it could be the "asbestos of the Nineties".

The popularity of the wood substitute has grown quickly since its introduction in Britain in 1980, but critics believe that it may carry a cancer risk because of the fine dust that it produces and the formaldehyde used in its production.

The two-year study, funded by the Health and Safety Executive, will be conducted by Andrew Watterson, director of the Centre for Occupational and Environmental Health at De Montfort University, Leicester, He said: "I believe we have significantly underestimated the potential risk of MDF in Britain.

"There is evidence that formaldehyde-exposed workers have high rates of lung cancer and nose and throat cancer. The simple fact is that we do not know what the longterm effects of MDF are. My advice is that if safer alternatives are available, then you should use them where posCritics claim that popular building material could be the asbestos of

the Nineties, reports Lin Jenkins

sible." MDF is made from wood dust and scrap, bonded together by a resin containing formaldehyde. Last year more than 600,000 cubic metres was sold in Britain and it is expected that nearly a million cubic metres a year will be sold by the end of the decade.

The particles released when it is cut or sanded are smaller than those of wood, and can be inhaled deep into the lungs. They are too small to be caught in most dust masks or collected by vacuum cleaners. Formaldehyde is considered by the World Health Organisation's International Agency for Research on Cancer to be probably carcinogenic to humans"

Carpenters and builders have already expressed concern. At the TUC conference earlier this month, the entertainment union Bectu, whose

film and theatre sets, called for

tighter safety procedures. Roy Lockett, deputy general secretary of Bectu, said: "MDF is the asbestos of the Nineties. It is carcinogenic, it causes lesions, it damages the eyes, the skin, the lungs and the heart. It is vile and pernicious."

His claims are largely un-substantiated, but the con-struction industry is calling for better protection for workers and for safer substances to be used where possible. Builders in California, mindful of expensive law suits, tell homebuyers that formaldehyde may cause cancer and birth defects.

The GMB union is seeking a big cut in the legal limit of exposure to formaldehyde. The British limit is 20 times above that in Germany and

above that of America.

It has been suggested that released from MDF furniture and that these may cause illness. Rory O'Neill, editor of Hazards magazine, believes the potential risk makes MDF too dangerous for people to use in their own homes. "Like asbestos, MDF is promoted as a wonder product, but it is undoubtedly a dangerous substance."

The Wood Panel Industries Federation said that the critics were alarmist and their fears were unfounded. "MDF has nothing in common with asbestos," a federation spokesman said. The Health and Safety Exec-

utive said funding for the study had been granted because little was known about the potential hazards of MDF. "There is no reliable research. At present there is no evidence to suggest it poses a risk and can be compared to other risks like asbestos. Some of the claims being made in the US are quite outrageous,"



Arnold Machin: wants to call an assembly of the academy to close Sensation

Academy veteran tries to halt show

By PHILIP DELVES BROUGHTON

THE Royal Academy's longest-serving member, the sculptor Arnold Machin, is trying to raily fellow academicians to close Sensation, the exhibition of work by young British artists from the Charles Saatchi collection.

Yesterday Mr Machin, 85. a member of the academy for more than 50 years, called the exhibition pornographic and disgusting and said the acad-emy's administrators were

scoundrels. He was particularly sympathetic to the disgust expressed by Winnie Johnson, 64, the mother of one of the children killed by Myra Hindley, the Moors murderer whose portrait made up of hundreds of children's handprints had to be withdrawn after it was attacked with ink

and eggs last week. "If I can collect 12 other academicians, I can call an assembly and maybe we can stop the show," he said.



Footballers are winners, even after the game

By Alexandra Frean, social affairs correspondent

play the long retirement game better than those who have slogged away in more conventional fields of employment.

Contrary to the popular perception of soccer stars growing fat and frustrated behind the bars of their country pubs, they continue to feel ke winners by living contentedly on their past giories.

according to new research. immediately after retiring. footballers frequently experience periods of depression. combined with financial and emotional insecurity. However, they are better placed to start a new life than those used to suits, according to an Open University study. The

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key to their survival lies in their ability to draw inner strength from their enduring memories of their careers on the pitch, says Brian Gearing. a senior lecturer from the OU's School of Health and Social Welfare. He spent a year interviewing top footballers as well as the Northampton Town squad of the 1960s.

The average length of a footballer's playing career is only eight and a half years and footballers are faced with having to accept that an important part of their life for many the most important chapter of their lives - is over at an early age, Mr Gearing told the British Society of Gerontology's annual confer-ence in Bristol yesterday.

I found that former players don't live in the past, but

AFTER hanging up their draw strength from it. They boots, professional footballers retain a football identity through their memories and those of fans, through the occasional magazine article or



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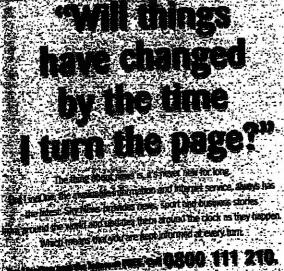
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Ashdown urged to give party's women a chance

BY POLLY NEWTON, POLITICAL REPORTER

PADDY ASHDOWN was strongly criticised by members of his party last night for doing too little to increase the number of women Liberal Democrat MPs.

The dispute, which insiders say has been simmering for some time, erupted at the start of the Liberal Democrat conference in Eastbourne as Mr Ashdown launched a scheme to encourage more women to stand for Parliament.

Would-be women Liberal Democrat MPs will be offered grants from the Nancy Seear Trust Fund - named after the late peer - in an initiative similar to the "Emily's List" system used by Labour.

The scheme has been championed by the Liberal Democrat spokesman on women's issues. Jackie Ballard, MP for Taunton. But some party members dismiss it as little more than a sop for activists and the media. One said: "It suggests that the only problem is finance — that you can say to women candidates. 'Go out

shopping and buy a suit and everything will be fine." The criticism was echoed by

Justine McGuinness, chairwoman of the Women Liberal Democrats group (WLD), which is embroiled in its own dispute with the party leadership over attempts to increase the representation of women at every level in the party. Ms McGuinness said: "When it comes to Paddy and his advisers, it is a woman-free zone

The record speaks for itself. We are worse than the Tories when it comes to the percentage of women MPs.

"We fielded about seven fewer women candidates than Labour in the election, but Labour's were in winnable seats. Ours resorted to standing in seats that they knew they would never win." The dispute will reach the

floor of the conference tomorrow when the party debates ways of strengthening the role played by women.

Yesterday WLD, which has moved two of the motions for

Mr Ashdown and his wife, Jane, at their hotel yesterday.

Critics say his circle of advisers is a woman-free zone

ional or modern. In a briefing note for circulation at the conference, the group refers to a "glass ceiling" in the party: "Women can take the minutes, make the tea and deliver leaflets but the party will not allow us a fair crack of the whip at parliamentary seats."

The briefing, headed Equality not Excuses, says the ratio men to women in the parliamentary party doubled at the election, entrenching women Liberal Democrats in Parliament as a minority of a minority". It adds: "If we don't start the programme of modernisation needed to address this imbalance NOW, how will we ever tackle enouraging 'minorities' such as the disabled? We will not be able to."

debate, was asked unofficially by conference organisers to

withdraw one on the ground

be open to legal challenge

under sex discrimination

laws. It proposes a system that would guarantee the election

of a minimum number of

women to party committees.

understood to be furious at

such pressure being applied

over what it regards as a

minor step. After a meeting in

Eastbourne last night the exec-

utive was expected to reject the

The group's membership

includes all three Liberal

Democrat women MPs and

the party's women peers.

Among those who have urged

it to stick to its guns and insist

on its motion being debated is

WLD campaigners have

abandoned the "softly softly"

approach of recent years, and

have decided to air their

grievances in public. They say

that if the party fails to

represent women it cannot claime to be progressive, nat-

withdrawal request.

Baroness Williams.

The attack is particularly embarrassing for Mr Ashdown at a time when he is trying to prove his commitment to encouraging women in the party to play a bigger

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LIBERAL DEMOCRAT CONFERENCE AGENDA



raditional annual attack on the

PRESIDENT'S

outlines the party's plans for constitution change, including

SPEECH:

to ward off concerns among activists about the new Lib-Lab Cabinet





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Im Wallace, leader of the Scottish Liberal Democrats Democrats, map out the

ENVIRONMENT:

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leads calls for UK energy use and

carbon dioxide emissions to be cut by



Paddy Ashdown

Hotel, 1pm). Frank Field, the Minister for Welfare Reform. makes a foray into enemy territory to outline his plans (Territs Centre 2, conference centre, 6.15pm)

Hotel, 6.15pm). Lib Dem MPs meet the press to question reporters about how the party is seen by the media

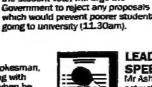
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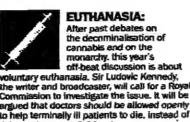
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plans for a London authority, calling for a "fair





Simon Hughes, health spokesman, will enjoy his high standing with the party's rank and file when he leads a debate on NHS funding, urging the Government to provide Earlier, at 9am, delegates debate biotechnological Innovations and will urge caution in view of their



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EUROPE: Menzies Campbell, foreign affairs spokesman, and David Heath, the spokesman on Europe, in the party's Euro-friendly fashion, welcom

the Amsterdam treat, provisions giving greater powers to the European Parliament. They also urge the Government to use Smain's

LEADER'S

platform for further advance. In an attempt to head off opposition to the new Lib-Lab Cabinet

committee, he also urges his party to have confidence "to take risks" to get Lib Dem policies

SPEECH: Mr Ashdown urges his party

activists and new MPs to use



FINAL SESSION: Rather than giving the delegates a Dems will hold a low-key ser

four leading women party members, Ms Ballard, Emma Nicholson, Diana

Steel defended against 'sleaze' attack

Paddy Ashdown says work for the

hunting lobby was neither wrong

nor secret. Jill Sherman reports

DAVID STEEL was vigorously defended by Paddy Ashdown last night over the disclosure that as an MP he was paid more than £90,000 to campaign for the prohunting lobby.

THURSDAY

Some Liberal Democrats criticised their former party leader for going against the spirit of party policy, and the League Against Cruel Sports accused him of taking a huge salary for a "sleazy job".

Lord Steel of Aikwood, who became a peer after retiring as an MP at the general election. received £93,752 for working up to two days a week as parttime chairman of the Countryside Movement one of the organisations that held the mass pro-hunting rally in London this summer. He declared the job in the Register of Members' Interests, but not the fee he had taken from October 1995 to the end of March this year. Under parliamentary rules, he did not have to declare the fee.

Yesterday Mr Ashdown said that Lord Steel had done nothing wrong and had not gone against party policy. Although most Liberal Democrat MPs, including Mr Ashdown, oppose fox-bunting, the party leader made clear that it was a "conscience



Steel: his support for hunting was well known

issue". He told the BBCI programme Breakfast With Frost: "It was out in the open. It was in the register of interests. It was neither wrong, nor was it secret nor was it kept from the party membership, nor was it kept from the wider public. He's

Lord Steel also issued a statement, condemning television reports that he said were defamatory. The statement strongly criticised the newspaper that published details of his fee in an article that he said was a "tendentious piece of journalism" containing old news. deliberately aimed at wrecking the opening of the annual party conference. The story in this morning's Independent on Sunday presents a travesty of the Countryside Movement and is defamatory of me," he said. "The few facts in it are neither 'revealed' nor 'exclu-

main, including other newspapers, for months, The headline report of this story by BBC news this morn-

sive as the paper claims, but

have been in the public do-

atory. Solicitors will accord ingly be acting on my behalf." David Lees, chairman of the Liberal Democrat Animal

Protection Group, conceded that Lord Steel's pro-bunting views were well known, "But this is much more embarrassing for the party's cleanness point of view. The fact that he has accepted this amount of money while still an MP for something contrary to party policy is wrong."

John Cooper, chairman of the League Against Cruel Sports executive, said: "David Steel should be thoroughly ashamed of this sleazy job."

This year the Countryside Movement and the Countryside Business Group armigamated with the British Field Sports Society. The three formed the Countryside Alliance to organise the pro-hunting rally in London, at which Lord Steel spoke.

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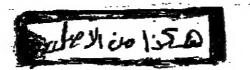
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when officers were answer-ing emergency calls, 20 per cent when police were on duty and 8 per cent in

training exercises. Most of the drivers who died in chases lost control of their ears and hit a tree or wall.

Toad site saved

A campaign to save one of the

most important sites for the

common toad, frogs and newts is to be backed by

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A doctor is to be charged with

maltreating detainces while he worked in an alleged

torture centre in Sudan in

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38, who has been released on bail, is expected to appear at

the High Court in Dundee

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The motorcycle maker Tri-

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found in the welding of the

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Triumph recall

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Torture charge









The stamps were speedily prepared but Earl Spencer is said to have thought that the tribute was premature

* Earl urged to lift ban on Princess stamps

By TIM JONES

EARL SPENCER was under increasing pressure last night to drop his veto on the Royal Mail issuing commemorative stamps of Diana, Princess of Wales.

The Queen, Tony Blair and the Department of Trade and Industry have given their backing to having the special stamps issued quickly as a simple and affordable official

tribute to the Princess.

A Royal Mail spokesman confirmed that the issue had been postponed because of the earl's objection. He said: "The proposal has not been abandoned. It is on hold.

"We had the backing of Buckingham Palace, No 10 Downing Street and the Department of Trade and Industry, but it was opposed by Earl Spencer. Apparently the earl thought it was premature, and has put a moratorium on memorial activities for Diana."

Senior officials of the Royal Mail were so confident that their plans would be approved for the five 26p stamps to go on sale last Thursday that they sent advance pictures to some

BBC RETHINKS ROYAL FUNERALS

death. The BBC also

pointed out that its 24-

hour cable and satellite

news service would also

change the nature of its

Research showed 73

per cent of the public

thought the BBC's tele-

vision coverage of the

At the convention in

er than creating it.

Press Association.

death was appropriate, and 92 per cent for radio.

Cambridge, broadcasters

agreed that their cover-

age had been responding to public reaction, rath-

pictures of the Princess taken

by the Earl of Snowdon, Tim

Graham, Terence Donovan

and John Stillwell, of the

Yesterday Peter Jennings, a

leading collector who writes

about stamps, said: "I have

seen the stamps and they

BY RAYMOND SNODDY

The BBC is reassessing its coverage of royal funerals. It is certain that the broadcast of the eventual funeral of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will be very different from that of the Princess.

Philip Gilbert, head of BBC Outside Broadcasting, said at the Royal Television Society's convention at the weekend that, with the death of older members of the Royal Family, "you are cel-ebrating that life, not expecting the world to go into deep, deep mourning". Alan Yentob. BBC Director of Television.

also printed the five stamps and had arranged for them to be reproduced in a special supplement to their publication, the British Philatelic Bulletin.

The stamps, which it is thought would have sold in

I appeal to Earl Spencer and said the main aim with his family to allow the Royal future deaths would be to Mail to issue them in the near "understand the mofuture. ment" and react in an anpropriate way to the circumstances of each

"Postage stamps would make a wonderful and lasting tribute to the Princess and would be collected by philatelists and non-stamp collectors throughout the world for years to come."

Mr Jennings said he understood that, on September I, the day after the Paris road crash in which the Princess was fatally injured, the Royal Mail had requested the Department of Trade and Industry to approach Buckingham Palace for permission to issue commemorative stamps. He said that work began immediately on designs for them and a

first-day cover. He added: "So certain were they that the stamps would be issued that the Royal Mail insert for the British Philatelic Bulletin, which included reproductions of the new stamps in colour.'

It was intended that the covers would receive a Ken-



Palace. from where her funeral procession started. Dealers have reported a tenfold increase in sales of

existing stamps bearing portraits of the Princess. She appeared on only one British set, when she was featured with the Prince of Wales on stamps issued to mark their marriage in 1981. But countries across the world issued stamps in 1982 to celebrate her 21st birthday and the birth of Prince William.

Special stamp issues usually

op, although an exception was made after the death of Sir Winston Churchill, when a set went on sale a few months

after his death. In Britain, no living person outside the Royal Family may appear on a postage stamp. A set marking the golden wedding anniversary in November of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh is being

The public books of condolence opened after the death of terday. Tens of thousands of

been kept available day and since the funeral. Before that, inadequate.

Daytona and T509 Speed Triple, were in bikes made in the first six weeks of produc-

Cab convoy takes children to pay tribute at crash scene

From Ben Macintyre in paris

A CONVOY of 66 London taxis, carrying sick children from hospitals often visited by the Princess, wound through Paris yesterday to lay flowers at the site of the car crash in which she was fatally wounded.

The 126 children put a taxi-shaped wreath at the Flame of Liberty at the Pont de l'Aima. above the underpass where the accident happened on August 31. Since then the monument, a replica of the flame on New York's Statue of Liberty, has become a shrine to the Princess and hundreds of mourners come every day to lay flowers or stand in

The fleet of cabs made a detour into the French capital at the children's request after taking them to Disneyland Paris, a trip organised for each of the past four years. "It's the children's weekend and they asked to pay a tribute at this location. We felt it right to respect their wishes," Phillip Davies,

master of the Company of Hackney Carriage He described the visit to the Pont de l'Alma as Drivers, said. Michelle Smith was on the trip with her

daughter Sarah, 7, who has cerebral palsy and is undergoing treatment at Basildon Hospital in Essex. The Princess meant a lot to all of us," Mrs Smith said. "In many ways it is a very sad day. She did such a lot."

Traffic around the bridge ground to a halt as the cabs, accompanied by a motorcycle escori, an ambulance and police, stopped at the scene for a half-hour visit. Afterwards, the convoy left with horns blaring in an expression of thanks to the police who had cleared a route for them out of the city.

Steve Sanders, the driver who organised the trip to Disneyland, said that it would be repeated in future years. "We at the Company of Hackney Carriage Drivers are delighted to organise this event and look forward to doing so for many years to come." Mr Sanders said.

an emotional and important moment for children and drivers. "Princess Diana was a Ormand Street and the children from the hospital were particularly anxious to pay

☐ Investigators are expected to conduct a second interview this week with Trevor Rees-Jones, the sole survivor of the crash. A brief first interview with the injured bodyguard, who is suffering partial amnesta as a result of trauma and heavy doses of anaesthetic yielded little material evidence because he can remember nothing about the circumstances of the accident.

Police sources said yesterday that Hervé Stephan, one of two magistrates leading the investigation, had not given up hope that Mr Rees-Jones would recover sufficient memory



people have left messages of sympathy. More than 30 books had

night at Kensington Palace up to 43 were available at St James's Palace after the original small number proved

At some stages people were queueing for up to 12 hours overnight at St James's to sign

Buckingham Palace is ex-

tion at Triumph's new £80 million factory in Hinckley, Leicestershire. Help for snorers

A helpline has been launched to help people with chronic snoring and their long-suffering partners. Callers can speak to nurses about coping with the problem and obtain The service, which coincides with the start of No Snoring Week, can be contacted on

Conker shortage

by drought and late frosts is threatening to undermine the annual World Conker Championships in Ashton, Northamptonshire. John Hadman. the organiser, said officials would have to spread their net wider to find the 1.500 topquality horse chestnuts they need on October 12.

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ment by Helmut Kohl, the

Chancellor, of the widely

admired former President.

Herr von Weizsäcker be-

longed to the Christian

Democratic Union (CDU) of Herr Kohl. although his membership was allowed to lapse during his ten years as

head of state Now Herr von

Weizsäcker has published memoirs mildly critical of the

Chancelior, Hurr Kohl has

Richard von Weizsäcker.

days before the trial of Maurice Papon, the ageing French bureaucrat accused of sending hundreds of Jews to their Historians have often accused the Church of failing in its moral duty during the Occupation by not speaking out against legislation discriminating against the Jews. "It is time the Church took responsibility for the sins of its children," Mgr Louis-Marie Bille, president of the French

the site of the principal Jewish

internment camp in France on

September 30, 57 years after

the Vichy regime passed the

first anti-Jewish laws and just

Conference of Bishops, said. At least 75,000 Jews were deported from France to Nazi death camps. Of these, some 64,000 were held at Drancy in the Paris suburbs, where next week's ceremony will be held,

ow deep have we sunk? The question INSIDE GERMANY sunk? The question was posed by a letter writer to the Süddeutsche Zeitung. She was complain-ing about the offhand treat-



that, in the idiom of Margaret Thatcher, the former President is "not one of us" and is ungrateful to the party that

owes the party a debt of gratitude did not die out with Enver Hoxha, the late Albanian dictator. The Chancellor is known to have a talent for gratuitous insults. But this nsistence on blind loyalty defines the present mood. Across the party spectrum. ranks and keep discipline -this a full year to go before the general election.

Against all odds, the Social Democrats are more successful than the CDU at muzzling internal dissent. But there is also a certain harshness of voice, a raw climate. The party, out of power since 1982,

senior Vichy administrator, is

accused of ordering the deportation of 1,560 Jews, including many children, between 1942

and 1944. His trial, which

begins in Bordeaux on Octo-

ber 8, is seen by many as the

last opportunity to put col-laboration by French officials

Arno Klarsfeld, the leading

helped to bring the case, has

said that while the trial will

focus on Vichy it should be

remembered that the Nazis

were primarily responsible for

straight ... future generations

must know that those respon-

sible for the 'final solution' in

France were first and foremost

Germans who wanted to kill

M Papon's lawyers have

the Jews." M Klarsfeld said.

summoned numerous wit-

nesses to the trial, including

the former President, Valéry

Giscard d'Estaing, who pro-moted M Papon to budget minister, a post he lost after the discovery of his wartime

past. "He can call Moses or

Jesus Christ to testify: it raises

media interest but, in the end,

it changes nothing."
Klarsfeld said.

This trial is to set the record

Nazi-hunter who

in the dock.

the Holocaust

can ill afford to lose another

Gunter Grass. Germany's most influential novelist, says he will go on the stump for a Social Democrat-Green coalition government. His aim is to dram up the kind of intellectual partisanship wit-nessed during the Blair election campaign and it is a clever enough move; the smallest of Volkswagens could serve as a campaign bus for a group calling itself Writers for Kohl. The surprising feature of Herr Grass's daration is not his politics - he is a veteran Social Democrat — but the crudity of their expression. The writ-

of a bank and the boss of the employers' federation of being the new "asocials", a word signifying social para-site that was used by Nazi propaganda. They drive in Mercedes, so they're not exactly like the tramps in the street who were previously regarded as asocial."

The writer said: "They drop out of society in quite a different way, in the sense they are trying to wreck the social consensus. A rich country is tolerating huge numbers of unemwarning of 1932 when we had

consequences."
Herr Grass does get things wrong — he was dumbfounded by unification — and is as choleric as Herr Kohl. But his rough tongue is typical of both the political and writing classes: they are behaving as if they are stuck in an airless. crowded, slow-moving bus. In many ways, they are. The poison at the top contrasts with a more general, subjective observation: that ordinary Germans have become slightly more polite. Certain-

ly it is a long time since I was

barged in the supermarket or

told to look lively at the cash

for the chancellery is Oskar Lafontaine, the chairman of the Social Democrats.

e has also told friends that Herr La-I fontaine is more likely than Gerhard Schröder to be his challenger next year. The reasoning is clear. Only a Red-Green alliance, probably with the support of the former communist PDS party, can topple Herr Kohl. Only Herr Lafontaine, an undogmatic left-winger, is accept able to such a line-up.

Herr Schröder - tough on crime on welfare spongers and on the curo. is leaning

Party bosses target the 'enemy within' as pre-election nerves fray moment, the two are marching in tandem (they have not yet agreed who is supposed to be Tony Blair and who Gordon Brown) and are pushing through an econom-ic programme which hobbles several of the party's holy cows. Party discipline is holding, however, enforced with the sensitive mien of drill seppe calls L

This autumn's party congresses are being carefully choreographed. Next spring will be the dissident season. Until then, the party faithful are ready to be rounded up by the snapping sheepdogs of their party leaders.

hit back, telling party friends nourished his career. French bishops 'repent' wartime silence on Jews

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

FRENCH bishops will offer a before being sent on to Auschwitz. Twenty bishops will at-"repentance" next week for the Roman Catholic tend the event, along with Church's failure to condemn leaders of the Jewish community. The formal "mea culpa" will consider the way in which the persecution of Jews during the collaborationist Vichy regime in the Second World "the negative view of Jews which the Church fostered "declaration on the over the centuries helped to attitude of bishops in the war" create a fertile terrain in which will be made at ceremony on

Nazi ideas could be planted without resistance". Under laws passed by the Vichy regime in 1940, Jews were barred from professions such as medicine, the law and the civil service, and forbidden to own property. A detailed census of Jews living in France made it easy for the Nazis and French collaborators to carry

out deportations. The bishops apology to the Jewish community follows guidelines from the Vatican calling on Catholics to make amends for past indifference or intolerance. "The mitigating circumstances do not remove the duty of the Church to express profound regret for the weakness of so many of its children." the Pope said in 1994. The pontiff is expected to make a statement on the wartime attitude of

Church later this year. M Papon. 87, a former

poll test for Kohl

FROM DEBORAH COLLCUTT IN FRANKFORY

A REGIONAL election in the German city state of Hamburg yesterday started off a year of balloting that will prove crucial to the chances of Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, chances of being re-elected when Germans go to the polls

next autumn. Facing one of the toughest periods in his 14-year leader-ship. Herr Kohl knows only a miracle will wrestle power from the opposition Social Democratic Party, which has ruled Hamburg for the past 40 years, but he will be hoping for more support for his Christian Democratic Union after a disastrous 25 per cent share of the vote in the last

election in 1993. Nothing is likely to topple Henning Voscherau, the Mayor. His re-election has been made easier by an unpopular Chancellor, who has failed to solve economic problems and looks weak in the run-up to several more state and municipal elections

before the national polis. As in Germany's 15 other states, voters in Hamburg are also concerned about Herr Kohl's attempt to replace the mark with a single European currency. Rising crime is another issue that may influence the election in which 1.2 million voters are eligible to choose from a list of 21 parties.



Vuk Draskovic, the Serbian Renewal Movement candidate, kisses a girl after voting

Serb vote boycott is likely to fail

FROM TOM WALKER IN BELGRADE

SERBS went to the polls yesterday, with students and the disaffected middle classes clinging to the slim hope that a boycott might disrupt Socialist rule and help to break the big brother influence of Slobodan Milosevic.

On Saturday night, thousands of students demonstrated in central Belgrade, supporting the call of Zoran Djindjic, the Mayor, to ignore the parliamentary and presidential elections. But diplomats and international observers doubted whether enough of the 7.2 million electorate would heed Mr Djindjic's advice. A turnout of under 50 per cent would nullify the elections.

Mr Milosevic is, in theory. removed from political life, occupying the more ceremoniat role of federal Yugoslav President. In reality he is everywhere. overshadowing campaigning by the Socialist coalition candidate, Zoran

Lilic, a former male model. Voters had two other mainstream presidential candidates to choose from: Vuk Draskovic, a former partner of Mr Djindjic and figurehead of last winter's demonstrations, and Vojislav Seselj, an ultranationalist who ran Chetnik paramilitary units during the Bosnian war. Diplomats were predicting a run-off.

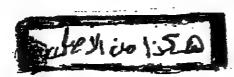
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Inquiries stepped up into fund calls by Clinton

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON'S campaign fundraising scandal has taken a potentially serious new turn for President Clinton over whether he made illegal telephone calls to donors from the White House.

Under unrelenting pressure from Republicans, Janet Reno. the United States Attorney-General, announced the first step towards naming a special prosecutor to investigate Mr Clinton's solicitation of cash for the Democratic Party in last year's election.

Ms Reno ordered the Justice Department to open a 30-day review into the possibility of criminal conduct by Mr Clinton. If the review finds a case to answer, the law calls for Ms Reno to launch a more extensive 90-day preliminary inquiry. At the end of that time she must decide whether to ask a panel of three appeal court judges to appoint an independent counsel.

White House officials said they will co-operate with the inquiry and were confident no laws had been broken. With unfortunate timing. Mr Clinton was on a fundraising drive in California that netted nearly \$1 million (£625.000).

He told reporters with a shrug that he knew nothing about Ms Reno's investigation. In the past the President has said he does not remember whether he made fundraising calls from the Oval Office, though notes taken by an aide during a White House planning session said: "BC made 15 to 20 calls, raised 500K [\$½ million]*.

The dialling-for-dollars flap has its roots in the Democrats' desperation to outspend the wealthier Republicans, an obsession that led to renting out the Lincoln Bedroom to the House coffee mornings for account.

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rycoons seeking favours and accepting tainted foreign money, plus unproven allegations that China was trying to buy influence.

Ms Reno's order was reportedly prompted by an examina-rion of the President's telephone logs which showed that some of his calls appeared to have generated donations that went partly to "hard" accounts aimed at specific campaigns. She had earlier suggested that "soft" money for general party activities, such as gening out the vote. would be exempt from the ban on raising money on federal

property.

Although the new investiga-tion could be awkward for the President, it holds greater peril for Al Gore, his Vice-President, whose admitted 86 money-raising calls from the White House were already under a 30-day review after allegations that some funds went into "hard" accounts.

Mr Clinton's popularity has never been higher, 62 per cent approval in the latest poll, but Mr Gore, who hopes to run for President in 2000, has seen his ratings plummet from 54 per cent in July to 38 per cent. The legality of whatever

calls Mr Clinton and Mr Gore

made from the White House is a grey area. The law says campaign funds must not be raised on government property, but does that apply to telephone calls if those on the receiving end are on private property? One focus of the new inquiry is a call-sheet that urged Mr Clinton to solicit a contribution from Gail Zappa. widow of the rock musician Frank Zappa. Whether or not he made the call, she gave \$30,000 to the Democratic National Committee, of which \$20,000 ended up in a



The former President, Corazon Aquino, acknowledges supporters yesterday at a Manila rally called to protest against moves to amend the Philippines Con-

Longer Ramos rule resisted

Ramos can extend his rule. As demonstrations were held in several cities, President Ramos, whose term of office

he would drop his plan to alter the Constitution. It was has yielded to "people pow-er". Mrs Aquine was a lead-ing figues in the 1986 rallies that finally succeeded in top-pling the late dictator. Ferdi-nand Marcos. (AP)

Cash offer to save Indian girls

INDIA'S poorest married couples are to receive 500 rupees (ES) a year for every new-born daughter in a move to raise the status of girls and end the practice of murdering female babies. Large numbers of girls are killed at birth, often by professional baby killers who make it look like natural

Just over two million girls will be born into such dire poverty each year for their parents to qualify for the new grants. The Government says it will pay the money to every poor couple — those earning less than £190 a year — with a girl born after August 15 this year. The payment is meant to be used to put the child through school.

Organising the grants, and ensuring the money is not siphoned off by corrupt bureaucrats, will be difficult. More than 26 million children are born every year in India, 12 million of them girls. India is one of the few countries that ly more male

The poorest families will be eligible for an £8 grant to keep baby daughters alive, writes Christopher Thomas in Delhi

girls are more likely to die rom neglect.

Doctors throughout India make handsome profits carrying out sex determination tests, followed by abortions if the foetus is female. The practice has been declared illegal, which has stopped clinics advertising but has done almost nothing to curb their activities Among India's poor major-

ity, the birth of a son is a matter of celebration because he will bring in wages and a dowry; a daughter is not expected to work outside the home and will require a dowry to get married. Female infanti-cide is commonest in the northern state of Bihar, which is some of the worst rural than females, partly because and urban poverty in the This, together with abortions so much future suffering.

country. Child marriages are relatively common in parts of Rajasthan, often soon after birth, because dowry pay-ments are lower for babies than teenagers. Dowry, once a modest payment, has become a racket involving rapacious moneylenders charging as much as 60 per cent interest a year. The poorest families of girls might have to find the equivalent of a year's earnings

lifetime of debt and, in some cases, bonded labour. Girls from poor families are usually more malnourished because boys are given the best of whatever food is available. Money for medicines is

to find a good marriage match, throwing them into a

and infanticide, accounts for India's lopsided sex ratio of 929 females for every 1.000

Female infanticide is also practised in the southern state of Tamil Nadu, where women administer poison from a particular leaf. In Rajasthan the method of murder varies from burial alive to stuffing the mouth and nostrils with sand. Female infanticide carries practically no stigma among the extremely poor.

The new payments are the idea of Inder Kumar Guiral. the Prime Minister. It will be difficult, however, to change the perception that the birth of a girl is a curse. In 1991 India joined other South Asian countries in declaring this the decade of the girl child, but it has had little or no impact.

Butterflies, a Delhi-based welfare organisation working with street children, says many poor women believe that they are doing the unborn girl a favour by having an abortion, because it prevents

UN chief to appeal for reform backing

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

BUOYED by Ted Turner's Elbillion (£625 million) donation to the United Nations, Kofi Annan, its Secretary-General, will make an unprecedented personal appeal to world leaders today to support his proposals for

revitalising the organisation. He will break with protocol and speak before President Clinton at the opening of the annual session of the 195nation UN General Assembly. His intervention is an effort to put UN reform at the top of the agenda in the crucial coming months the American leader.

Mr Annan is struggling to save the UN from what diplomats are calling its "creeping irrelevance". Proposed US legislation slashing the American contribution from 25 per cent to 20 per cent of the UN budget will have a devastating impact on the world body unless other countries agree to make up the shortfall. UN officials hope that the donation announced last week by Ted Turner, the founder of Cable News Network (CNN), will turn the tide of American public opinion in favour of the UN. But the gift will go to UN programmes rather than administrative costs, and so do nothing to reduce Washington's \$1.5 billion debt to the

Robin Cook the Foreign Secretary, is likely to emerge as an important cheerleader for the reform effort when he addresses the General Assembly tomorrow. As well as throwing Britain's weight behind Mr Annan's proposals, he is expected to upbraid the Americans for failing to pay

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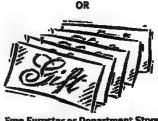
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Lebanese fire on Islamic militants

By Christopher Walker

THE Lebanese Army yesterday launched an unprecedented crackdown on Islamic militants, killing two and wounding two others in a northern port city after a battle to close their unlicensed tele-

Lebanese security officials said that the troops opened fire on members of the al-Tawheed Muslim fundamentalist movement, hundreds of whom had been gathering out-side their al-Hilal television station since Saturday while their leaders negotiated with the authorities. Three Lebanese soldiers were also wounded in the fighting.

The officials said that 60 members of al-Tawheed were arrested, including two sons of the movement's leader. Sheikh Saeed Shaaban. The Sunnl Muslim Al-Tawheed operates mainly around Tripoli in the north, while Hezbollah, the main Shia Islamic grouping, has its strength concentrated in the southern slums of Beirut and in the south of

Arab diplomatic sources said that the clampdown will have had the tacit support of Syria, which has cracked down hard on its own Islamic extremists

Peace fears after Arafat collapses

A NEW threat has emerged to the already shaky Middle East peace process - the declining health of Yassir Arafat, the 68 year-old Palestinian leader who has no obvious successor.

After 48 hours of diplomatic cover-up, it emerged yesterday from reliable Egyptian gov-ernment sources that Mr Arafat blacked out during a heated meeting with Arab foreign ministers in Cairo on Friday and later had to be helped from the Foreign Min-

istry building. He collapsed during an argument about a controversial economic conference with Israel due to be staged in the Gulf state of Qatar in November, "He got upset and just blacked out," said an Egyptian Foreign Ministry official who declined to be named.

The confirmation of the incident followed weeks of diplomatic speculation about Mr Arafat's increasingly weak-looking condition.

Hours after Mr Arafat's fainting fit, but without knowledge of it, Israel's Channel 2 television network carried an authoritative report based on US intelligence sources that the former guerrilla leader was "very ill". The report caused acute emharrassment among PLO leaders, who denied that talks were under way on a successor.

According to the Israeli television account, Mr Arafat is suffering from a degenerative muscle disease, but his mental capacity is so far

The Palestinian leader, left, fainted during talks with Arabs,

Christopher

Walker reports

Arab officials in Cairo, senior PLO members tried ineffectually to deny the substance of the Israeli TV report, which also disclosed that the Palestinian Authority had begun to

look for a successor. Attempting to deny the claims, Marwan Baghouti, an Authority minister, said: "Arafat's hands always shook, and this cannot be used to support a false claim that he suffers from a degenerative muscle disease. We do not need a replacement since Abu

Saber Abu el-Ulia, who re-

portedly escaped from an

asylum several days before

the attack, and his brother,

Mahmoud. The two were

detained at the museum. Gov-

ernment officials no longer

think there was a third attacker, despite witnesses'

reported sightings. (AP)

Cairo bombing arrests

Cairo: Egyptian security yes-terday arrested four mental bealth officials, claiming that they took bribes and aided the escape of a patient who attacked a tour bus here last week, killing nine German tourists and the Egyptian bus

unaffected. The report was

based on medical evidence

obtained by the CIA, whose

representatives have been in

close contact with Mr Arafat

as the Middle East crisis has

deepened in recent weeks. It

followed descriptions from

diplomats and others who

have had recent contact with

him of both his hands and lips

trembling uncontrollably, in-

creasing fragility and a star-

collapse in front of numerous

ing look in his eyes.

President Mubarak has ordered military prosecutors Ammar [Mr Arafar's nom de guerre] feels terrific."

said last night that, if Mr Arafat's decline continued, it could have serious repercussions for the peace process, as no other Palestinian official is thought to have anywhere near his standing among the majority of the 2.2 million Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, or the millions of others in the diaspora. A senior Palestinian jour-

nalist from the West Bank claimed that Mr Arafat had recently had a similar blackout during a meeting of Palestinian ministers in the West Bank town of Ramallah, "I was told by a doctor on the spot that for a whole day he was not able to function properly. But, as is usual, the incident was hushed up." the journalist said.

PLO sources said the man most often mentioned as a potential successor is Mr Arafat's number two, Abu Mazen, architect of the peace deal negotiated in Gaza but resented by many for alleged self-enrichment as a result.

Israeli and Arab medical sources differed about the exact nature of Mr Arafat's illness. In addition to the muscle disease, another possible reason for his recent poor health, according to some senior Palestinian figures, could be complications arising from the 1992 removal of a blood clot after the crash of his plane in the Libyan desert.



Lightning strikes a conductor on top of the 1,066ft

Centrepoint Tower in Sydney at the weekend

WORLD . **SUMMARY**

souther chaos as Fight for power by Solidarity

general election yesterday in which the choice was between what one political leader described as "two hostile armies" that are unlikely to cooperate in the next parliament (Patricia Koza writes).

Candidates were competing for votes among an electoran of 28.8 million for 460 seats in the lower house (Sejm) and 100 in the Senate. Josef Oleksy, head of the post-communist Democratic Left Alliance, predicted a turnout of about 55 per cent. An indication of the result is expected today.

The alliance's main foe is Solidarity Election Action, a loose grouping of nearly 40 right-wing and Christian parties, with the Solidarity union at its core.

Ferry capsizes

Delhi: At least 93 people were missing, feared drowned, in eastern India after the ferry they were travelling in capsized in the Ganges, the United News of India reported, The crowded boat went down near Patna city. The press agency said the authorities were finding it difficult to carry out rescue operations in the darkness. (AFP)

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Hong Kong visit

Hong Kong: Li Peng, the Chinese Prime Minister, and Zhu Rongji, his deputy, arrived in Hong Kong, the first time such senior figures from the new sovereign power have been seen since the handover. Mr Li was present to address the annual meeting of the World Bank, the first ever held

Soros prediction, page 52

Algeria killings

Paris: Suspected Muslim rebels killed more than 50 residents; mostly women and children, in a hamlet 45 miles south of Algiers, cutting their throats in an orgy of violence that ended a two-week luff in mass civilian slaughter, sources close to the security forces said. Opposition groups blame the spate of attacks on security forces. (Reuters)

Separatists shot

Srinagar: Indian troops shot dead 22 Muslim separatis guerrillas in the Himaiayan state of Kashmir, the military said. Sixteen were killed in one battle and six others died in three separate exchanges of gunfire. (AFP)

Woman's face sewn back on

FROM ROGER MAYNARD

IN STUDIET A WOMAN who had her entire face and scalp ripped off when her hair caught in farm machinery was recovering in hospital in Melbourne, Australia, last night after micro-surgeons successfully

sewed them back on again. In what one member of the operating team described as the most horrific and horrendous thing" he had ever seen. surgeons toiled for 25 hours to

tures. A surgeon said "the essential characteristics of her

face will be there". The unidentified 28-yearold mother had been found by her partner with her entire face and scalp torn off, in a milking shed on their farm

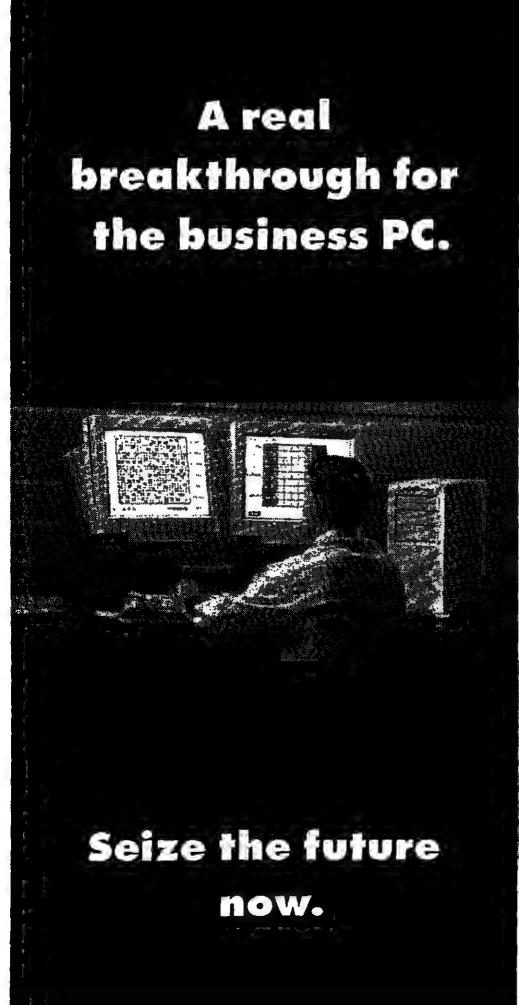
near Shepparton, Victoria. Yesterday Professor Wayne Morrison, who led the operating team at St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne, said it was a horrific sight. "What we saw was a head that had been

hair and essentially looked like what you see in an

anatomical dissection. When the woman arrived at hospital only her chin, left ear and lower lip remained attached to her face. The rest was packed in ice while surgeons traced blood vessels and others worked on the remains of the face.

During her ordeal, the victim was given transfusions of nearly twice the body's eight pints of blood.





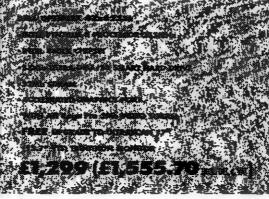
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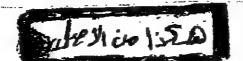
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Southern Africa faces chaos as drought bites

FRM R.W. JOHNSON IN DURBAN

SOUTIERN AFRICA is bracing itse for the worst El Niñoderiveddrought since 1982-83, when cord floods followed. All bulone of the 23 recorded instants of El Niño have brough drought to this part of the wold, and that predicted for Deember this year will be the sun in 20 years.

El lino ("the child" in Spania, so-called by fisher-men Peru and Ecuador the phenomenon arrives t Christmas) is only partialy understood, but our knowldge is complemented by the work of the British scientit. Sir Gilbert Walker. who erived the southern ostillation index, allowing prediction of Indian monsoons.

A psitive index score predicts high pressure in the East while anegative score predicts drough. Taken together, the two mesures are referred to s Ens (El Niño Southern

By April this year the index was ultady negative, a bad sign. Fd the earlier in the year his ocurs, the more severe the ultipate drought. By July

Periodic disruption of Pacific weather patterns brings disaster in its wake, with droughts where there should be rain and floods in arid regions. This year's El Niño threatens to be a record-breaker, piling on the misery as far away as South Africa

same as that seen in the very worst of the 1991-92 drought. Matters have deteriorated and the index is expected to hit its nadir in January 1998.

In 1991-92 the effect of El Niño was to make Botswana the epicentre of a drought that spread across most of south-em Africa. Soon one could count 20-25 grain ships a day waiting to enter Durban harbour as international agencies hurried to bring samine relief to Zambia, Zimbabwe, Namibia and Botswana.

In southern Africa the key effect of drought is felt on the maize crop, which is the basic African food staple. South Africa is expecting to export eight million tonnes of maize in 1997 in addition to feeding its own population. But in 1991-92 the effect of El Niño was to cut South Africa's thirds. In the southern African

region as a whole, maize production fell by 80 per cent. Thirty million people were placed at risk of malnutrition. South Africa and Zimbabwe had to import seven million tonnes of maize and South Africa was forced to obtain a loan from the International Monetary Fund for drought

Already this year SBC Warburg, the investment bank, is predicting that South African maize production will fall by 56 per cent (producing a 0.8 per cent decline in the country's gross domestic product), but other estimates are far worse. The effects will be felt also on wheat, sugar and other crops because drought at the peak of the southern summer in January hits plants while they are in their most moisture reliant reproductive phase. During the drought and

peratures of more than 40C (104F) brought biblical scenes, with insects and birds simply dropping dead in mid-air from dehydration. The region's mines - producing a dominant share of the world's gold, copper, nickel, palladium and rhodium, as well as large proportions of its uranium, diamonds and zine could also be hit as they require large quantities of water for cooling, washing, smelting and for power generation.

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The only bright spot is that southern Africa has just had two years of good rains. Reservoirs are full and so are granaries. The South African Government, aware that such advantages can evaporate with horrible speed, is nonetheless planning emergency measures and South Africa's suburbanites are hurriedly topping up their swimming pools in anticipation of household restrictions on water

☐ La Paz: An intense heatwave and powerful storms blamed on El Niño caused five deaths in Bolivia last week, officials said at the

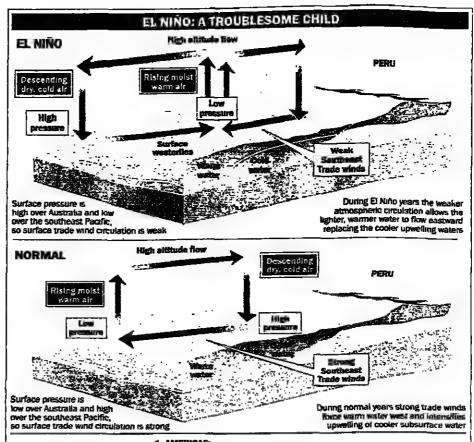
ever known," said Michael

Norton, a Hollywood re-

searcher, after missing work

to ride the outer ripples of a

hurricane off California's San





primaril, and tropical fish thousands of miles from their usual habitat. Last week winds of up to 215 mph were measured off the coast of Mexico, the highest recorded, in California, words, rainfall and mountain snow are expected to exceed those of the last extension.

The effect of the 1982-83 El Niño in Africa was a drought which reduced maize production across Southern Africa by 80 per cent, putting 30 million people at risk of starvation. This time Africa's wheat, sugar and other crops could be

El Niño has already wrought havoc with weather patterns thoughout Asia, it is being blamed for the drought in Papua New Guina which is threatening to cleir the lives of up to one milion people, Indonesia is suffering from the worst drought in 50 years, and noe crops are failing across the Asia-Pacriic region.

An ill wind blows the beach boys some good, writes Giles Whittell

cane that has brought flooding and property damage to long stretches of Mexico.

Though neither storm owed its genesis to the effect of El Niño, both were intensified by it and showed that "the hype was justified", according to Chris Borg, chief meteorol-ogist for the SurfLine forecasting service.

In California, winds, rainfall and mountain snows this winter are expected to eclipse those of the last extreme El Niño season in 1982-83, when two piers and hundreds of beachfront homes were wrecked by waves and mudslides. Worldwide, 2,000 deaths and \$13 billion (£8 billion) of property damage

were blamed on the phenomenon that year. Coast dwellers are bracing New Zealand.

themselves from Malibu to San Francisco, piling up sandbags in case of flash floods as local authorities use bulldozers to build sand berms along popular beaches. Inland, Napa Valley's winegrowers have given a warning that early rains may have spoilt what they hoped would

be a bumper year.

America's suffering is likely to pale beside that of other continents. The far-reaching El Niño has wreaked havoc on Central and South American coffee crops, raising prices and bringing litters to commodities markets. On the eastern Pacific rim, where the effect is linked to drought rather than storms, it has been blamed for \$130 million crop and livestock losses in

ities broker said last week, El Niño "might as well be called El Diablo for all the toll it takes on the world".

Michael Norton meanwhile spoke for every hedonist serious enough to put his surfing before work. "I can get fired plenty of times," he said, "but I may never know this kind of surf again."

Mexico City: Hurricane
Nora began to regain strength
yesterday and veered north towards the Baja California peninsula, threatening half a dozen tiny islands in the Pacific. The Government posted warnings in the sparsely populated Socorro Island and nearby Revillagi-

gedo Islands. Flood warnings for waves and swells generated by Nora also remained in effect for hundreds of miles on the mainland, from Cabo Corrientes to Punta donado. (AP) Mal-

Experts fearful of mass Papua hunger

FROM ROGER MAYNARD

A TEAM of emergency aid workers from Australia flew into Papua New Guinea at the weekend to assess the severity of a drought which experts fear could claim the lives of up to a million people.

The arrival of the disaster management team from Care Australia and the Australian National University follows mounting concern over the abrains, which have been

disrupted by El Niño. Northern Australia, Indonesia and much of South-East Asia have been similarly affected. But it is the people of Papua New Guinea's Central Highlands, where severe frosts have combined with the drought, who are most at risk from the current dry

An estimated 100 people have died so far and some government officials are suggesting that thousands more are at risk.

Leith Anderson, the director of Papua New Guinea's National Disaster and Emergency Services, said latest reports indicated that up to a million people could soon be facing star-vation. Roy Yaki, the Finance Minister, said frosts which had damaged crops were compounding the worsening situation. "We are not very far from declaring a state of emer-

gency," he said.

Singapore: El Niño has been blamed for a thick smoky haze that has shrouded Malyasia for several weeks and killed 150 people in Indonesia. Dr Fredolin Tangang, of the National University of Malaysia, said the smoke phenomenon was not new but El Niño had aggravated it by drying out sections of Sumatra and Borneo and reversing the direction of prevailing winds.

Surf's up as California previews 'whopper of the century'



A urfer ejects from a 15ft wave at Newport Beach as Hurricane Linda retreats

Onofre State Beach. "The day before it was even more insane. Broken boards. snapped leashes, the whole shebang." Two months before it is expected to strike California in earnest, the unruly force of nature known as El Niño has

made its presence felt with towering breakers, early rain and tropical fish thousands of miles from their usual habitat. One Nasa scientist has called the coming storm season "the whopper of the

Last week winds of 215mph vere measured near the heart of Hurricane Linda, the most powerful seen off Mexico. It drifted northwest, sparing California, but was rapidly followed by another hurri-

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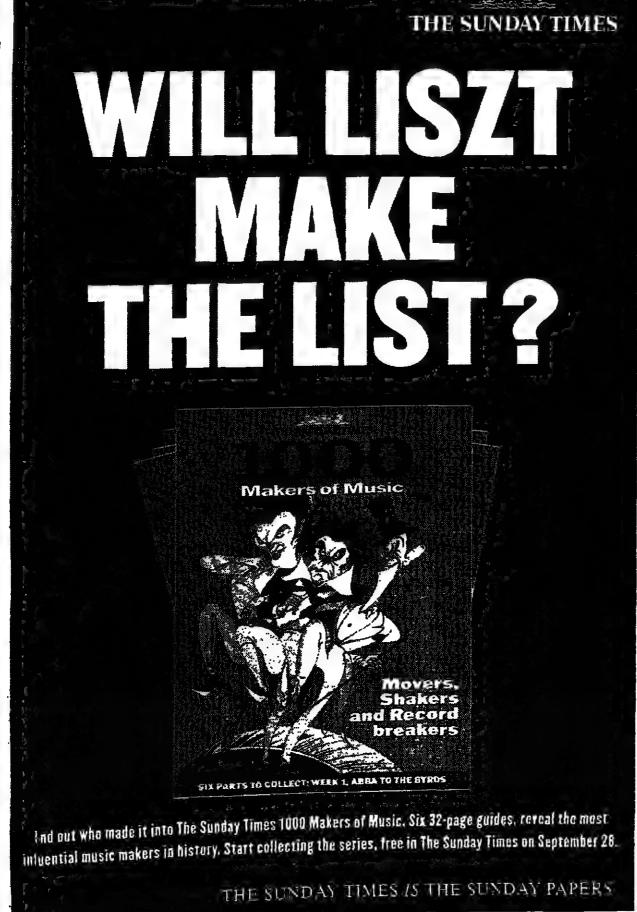
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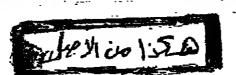
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PHENERATIMES





Despite their long use, sprays based on the pesticide Bt have not lost their effectiveness. But environmentalists fear that may be about to change as a result of the creation of genetically engineered crop plants that incorporate the Bt gene

nvironmentalists in the US have sprung to the defence of the spray, a agricultural technique that since the days of Rachel Carson has provided them with a favourite whipping-boy. Thistime Greenpeace, the Sierra

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to fail

Club, he International Federation of Organic Farmers and other pressure groups are petitioning the Environmental Protection Agency to preserve a spray, not to haster its demise. Behind this volte-jace lies the worry that biotedinologists are about to deprive organic farmers of a valued tool, ill in the name of progress.

Since the 1960s, organic farmers have been spraying their crops with a perticide derived from a soil bacterium called Bacillus thuringiensii (Bt). The bacterium contains a gene that enables it to make a protein fatal to many common pests such as the corn-borer. When the jests swallow the protein, an enzyme in their digestive systems splits the protein and releases the

Though fatal to pests. Bt is benign enough — and its origins natural enough - to qualify for use even by farmers opposed to chemical sprays in general. For organic

Spray on, says Greenpeace

farmers it is a useful weapon, but its application outside fields and some Canadian forests has been limited. Overall, it accounts for no more than one to one and a half per cent of the insecticide market in North America.

Despite their long use, sprays based on Bt have not lost their effectiveness. But environmentalists fear that may be about to change as a result of genetic engineering. At least 16 companies are working on new crop plants that incorporate the Bt gene, meaning that the crops can make their own insecticides. Cotton, maize and potatoes containing Bt are already on the market. According to the environmentalists' petition, more than 20 such crops have either been approved or are awaiting approval

The potential impact is large, both on agriculture and on the existing market for pesticides. According to one estimate, of the \$8.1 billion spent every year on insectiGreen pressure groups are arguing for the continued use of a pesticide spray. Nigel Hawkes reports

cides, nearly \$2.7 billion could be replaced by Bt crops. In the US in 1996, more than three million acres were planted with Bt crops, and this year the figure is expected to reach more than 20 million acres. The worry is that incorporating

Bt into crops will hasten the development of resistance. Jim Lynch, Professor of Biotechnology at Surrey University, says that used as a spray, "Bt was the only really successful biological control agent. It has a small but worthwhile share of the market, and there was no evidence of resistance developing. If it did, farmers could always switch to a different strain. It was all going very nicely."

The point about Bt sprays, he says, is that they are only used. occasionally, so that the pests were not exposed to them for long. Once

they have done their job, they degrade into harmless compounds. But the situation in Bt plants is very different. Instead of sporadic spraying, the plants will express the gene all the time, providing a much better opportunity for resistance to develop.

Clear signs that this is not just a theoretical danger came in March, when Professor Bruce Tabashnik of the University of Arizona and colleagues showed that the diamond-back moth can develop resistance to several strains of Bt by altering just a single gene. They also showed that one in a hundred of the moths already possessed the resistance gene.

This implied that resistance could develop far more swiftly than . previously believed, and that the strategy of engineering plants to produce several toxins at once might not necessarily be helpful in delaying resistance. The first generation of Bt plants produce only one toxin. "The worst case scenario is that in just a few years there would be widespread resistance," Professor Tabashnik said. "The hope is that they will last at least five to 10

Two strategies have been proposed to deal with the problem, says Professor Lynch. "Ecologists say we can control it by planting non-Bt plants around the genetically-engineered ones." These are meant to serve as areas of refuge, where populations of non-resistant insects are maintained. "The trouble is that it has never really been proved to work," says Profesor Lynch. The second approach comes from molecular biology. This

would get around the difficulty of resistance by making plants produce the toxins only when they are attacked by pests, instead of all the time. That would reduce the selection pressure on the insects to develop resistance. Professor Lynch agrees that it is a nice idea, but says "We haven't got to the stage where we can actually do it."

The Greenpeace petition, to which the EPA has 90 days to produce an answer, suggests two further potential problems with Bt crops. One is that the gene will find its way into closely-related plants nearby, where it may kill insects that are not pests at all, and hasten the development of resistance by diminishing the "refuge" areas.

The second is that Bt plants may have unintended effects on nontarget species. "The evidence is that Bt produced by plants can kill beneficial species such as lace-wings, which feed on aphids," says Dr Doug Parr, Campaigns Centre Director for Greenpeace UK, "For

some reason, this doesn't seem to happen when it is used as a spray." But resistance, and keeping it at hay, lies at the heart of the petition. Jim Gerritson, one of the many American organic farmers who signed the petition, says "We consider the transgenic application of Bt to be unwise because of the high likelihood that the plants will rapidly accelerate resistance to Bt. Should we ever lose Bt, our ability as organic farmers to grow quality products will be in question.

Professor Lynch says that he thinks the petition deserves a careful hearing. "The commercial lobbies are working hard to promote Bt crops" he says. "And the tendency in the biotechnology business has been to rush on, saying that there's no problem.

The balanced approach would be to look at the timing, and not to try to get too rich too quickly. If we're not careful, we could kill Bt stone dead, and that would put at risk a control process for which there are not many alternatives."

The EPA has has promised to consider the petition "very seriously". If its concerns are ignored, Greenpeace and its allies have warned that they may pursue the issue in court.

☐ Hungry birds ☐ Bubble trouble ☐ Planetary shock

Better fed than red

ow do parent birds decide which of their brood to feed first? In the case of canaries. it seems, they look deeply into their open mouths and work out exactly what shade of pink they are. The redder the shade, the more desperate the chick's need for food. Dr Rebecca Kilner of the Department of Zoology at Cambridge has discovered.

Many fledgling birds have bright mouths. While those of canaries are pink, the dunnock's is orange, and the robin's yellow. Many explana-tions have been provided for the bright polours, but Dr Kilner set out to show that it serves as an honest signal of need. To do so, she needed to show that mouth colour does indeed vary with need, and that parents respond to it by giving the most food to the chicks with the redden mouths.

She bred canaries in Cambridge and conducted a simple experiment with seven pairs of siblings. One member of each pair was fed with a rearing mix called Nectarblend through a syringe, while the other was fot. After half an hour, both placed in an artificial nest and induced to beg. As soon as they opened their mouths, pictures were taken and the colours compared. This showed that the needler chicks

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This is achieved through increasing blood flow to the mouth, which is equipped with lots of blood vessels.

mouths actually make the parent birds behave differently. This involved add-

ing cochineal to the feeding mix for some chicks, deliberately altering their mouth colour, and then returning them to the nest and watching whether they were given a greater share of the fnod by their parents.

The results, reported in Proceedings of the Royal Society B. showed that indeed the parents' behaviour was influenced by the col-our of their chick's mouths. Chicks with

estingly, when both mouths were reddened, the parents simply worked harder, delivering more food to their apparently insatiable offspring. This implies that the adults respond to absolute rather than relative changes in mouth colour.

had significantly redder mouths. The results do leave a few questions unanswered, however. If having a brighter mouth guarantees more food, why do nestlings not simply produce the red flush all the time? Dr Kilner suggests that doing so may be to create a temporary flush.

Next she checked whether redder costly, because blood needs to be

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diverted from the gut to the mouth to create the flush. In this case, getting food and digesting it would act in opposition, ensuring that the signal remained "honest". Alternatively, there could be a direct physiological link which would prevent blood flowing to the

BRIEFING Nigel Hawkes

colours of a yellow or redder mouths got more food. Inter- an orange mouth, though experiments may yet show that to be the More likely, she suggests, these bright colours simply serve as targets so that the mouth is more visible and

the parents can deliver the food to

the right place in a dark nest.

mouth when the gut was full. Other birds with different-coloured mouths remain a puzzle. It is hard to see how blood flow could change the

is in the ratio of carbon isotopes in

The fizzy wines that fail to sparkle

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believe is a reliable way of supple-

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Immaculada Gonzales-Martin

and her colleagues say the difference

THE Mars Global Surveyor, which recently arrived at the red planet, has made a surpris-

sesses a magnetic field which, although puny by Earth standards, is still a lot more powerful than expected. The discovery has some implications for the possible existence of life on Mars some time in the past, as a magnetic field is needed to fend off damaging cosmic rays which would otherwise sterilise

On Earth, the magnetic field is generated by movements in its the carbon dioxide which makes up the bubbles. Carbon dioxide produced by fermentation contains about 10-20 carbon-13 atoms per thousand carbon atoms, while the carbon dioxide produced industrially has up to 75 per thousand.

Chemistry in Britain reports that the team has produced a hollow "dipstick" to collect the bubbles from a bottle of wine and convey them to the mass spectrometer. They tested 24 Spanish cavas and found that four had suspicious carbon ratios, suggesting artificial gasification. This could enable the regulators of Spanish sparkling wines to prosecute unscrupulous producers.

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Mars springs magnetic surprise

ing discovery. It has found that Mars pos-

molten iron core, which produce electric currents and hence a mag-netic field. If Mars ever had such a dynamo, it long since run down, because the planet is geologically inactive today. So why does it have a The most plausible explanation is

that the field is a remnant imprinted on rocks in Mars' crust before its dynamo wound down. Although only one 800th of the strength of the Earth's field, it is still, says Dr David Stevenson, a planetary physicist at the California Institute of Technology, "a somewhat surprising result since it's not that easy to get as large a field as the spacecraft has found".

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Many of the election team are

volunteers: staff are playing

Dick Newby, whom I like

and admire enormously and

whose calm nature is invalu-

able, is in charge of external

communications. He's

brought with him someone

rather more abrasive, but who

is to prove crucial to the

success of our campaign: Gavin Grant, Body Shop Di-

rector of Public Affairs, and

Our headquarters might be

tightly staffed, but as Lord

Holme, chair of our cam-

paign, puts it: "We shall think

ean and we shall think clean."

by sleaze we launch our first

press conference in Church

House with a Punch and Judy

show - lead roles played by

about. The puppet show pro-

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After two weeks dominated

master of the soundbite.

out of position.

The Liberal Democrat version of the other parties' Liberal Democra

Tony Blair and John Major puppets bashing each other the media, as well as "punch-

ing" home our challenge to the other parties - namely, let's talk about positive solutions. It also provides the late, great Vincent Hanna with an opportunity for a perfect "Hanna-ism". "Does Paddy Ashdown see himself as a string of sausages? Or perhaps he would prefer the role of crocodile? If not, perhaps a policeman?" Paddy doesn't hesitate — he sees himself as

the policeman. Lord Holme is tunning a highly centralised campaign with a strong central command. The main room on the first floor in Cowley Street has become the communications centre. From here, press releases, responses to events, and soundbites hammering



Punch and Judy, Paddy Ashdown and me... As the Liberal Democrat The phoney war is over and we are finally installed in our

conference opens, Jane Bonham Carter, who we have had to reconfigure party headquarters to cater for helped orchestrate the party's the election team. We are most successful election competing with the millions of pounds spent to fund the result for 70 years, reveals her campaign secrets

home the core message are co-

APRIL 2-3

Tory and Labour manifestos launched. We seem to be stuck in the polls. Particularly bad is MORI, which says we're down three points. However, we are confident that once our manifesto is launched things will get better. Richard Holme is chairing the morning press conferences, attended by many journalists, despite the appallingly early hour. He has a good, witty relationship with the press corps, and handles jokes, and deals with questions of positioning and polls. This means that spokespeople can concentrate on the issues of the day.

Our manifesto launch. Feel that the week has ended on a good note and that we are getting our message across.

The Conservatives, our primary opponents, have left a litany of broken promises. The Labour Party's neurosis about providing hostages to fortune, particularly in the area of taxation, has left a welcome vacuum for us. We know from our target seat and bench-mark-polling programme that what we are saying is popular. People care deeply about schooling, about the NHS. about crime on our streets. and they are willing to contemplate paying a bit more tax in order to improve services

The magazine Accountance *Age* has done a poll of company directors -- 55 per cent say taxes should rise to pay for investment in health, education and law and order.

More gloom for us from MORI, but we don't believe it. However, I'm finding it increasingly hard to ward off journalistic cynicism.

The other parties are continuing to throw mud at each other - the Tories have characterised Tony Blair as "slithering and squirming".

The Liberal Democrats have a benefactor in the shape of a Mr Noon, who is supplying free curries for the duration of the election. Another kindly

person is our general secre-tary, Graham Elson, who, discovering that I like cranberry juice, makes sure there is always a carton on my desk.

We are feeling distinctly pious. The Council of Churches has

launched a report today incorporating five proposals. They are all part of our manifesto.

We have our first Open Circle: a small group of voters, united

by a common concern. gath ered together to talk to Paddy informally. Unfortunately, we learn that our Twickenham group has been infiltrated by a belligerent Richmond Tory. We decide to re-christen these events "discussion in the round", and be a little bit less

Paddy Ashdown genuinely hates the false world of Westminster politics, and is very

people directly. I'm not sure exactly how "direct" Question Time is considering the intrusive nature of cameras, lights etc. but his abilities are on show when he appears.

I stand in the wings of the studio, and he is brilliant - an approachable leader, in touch with people's lives and hopes.

Europe is back on the agenda. We are potentially vulnerable to attack as Euro-luvvies. The

communications centre

Democrats are the original referendum party. As one broadcaster out it to me (after the election), we were a guerrilla force that could dart about, while the others were like the Americans in Vietnam, encumbered by having to move heavy tanks. APRIL 12

swings into action: the Liberal

Europe continues to be a problem for the Tories: more right-wing candidates are taking up the offer of financial help by Paul Sykes, the Yorkshire millionaire, to those who voice opposition to the single currency. For the first and last time during the campaign I beat Gavin Grant to the draw on a soundbite: Paddy's line that the Tories have "gone from cash for questions to cash for quotes" is The Guardian's front-page headline.

An NOP poll in The Sunday Times has the Liberal Democrats up five points, and we have a glowing editorial in The Observer. We are winning the battle of trust on the crucial issue of tax - an ITV 500 poll has 61 per cent saying Paddy Ashdown can be trusted on tax, with 36 per cent for Tony Blair and 26 per cent for John Major.

APRIL 5 Paddy on tenterhooks about his daughter, who has gone into labour. However, he relaxes enough during an inter-

view with The Times to impress the editor - and bet his shirt not once, but three times, that Lib-Dem policies would prove popular with the

APRIL 16 John Cleese has said he would like to spend a day campaigning for us. We arrange for him to telephone some of our recent converts. The media is

in attendance, "What was it

about my election broadcast

Liberal Democrats?" he asks Nick from Stockport. "Nothing," comes the reply. But John later gets his own back with the next caller, a Mr Brin Dimmot. "Is your name an anagram?" he inquires. I pretend the whole thing was

Jane Bonham Carter (left) was a close campaign adviser to Paddy Ashdown (above)

APRIL 17 Paddy is mobbed in Hereford, and we are delighted to find ourselves under attack from Gordon Brown. Labour must be rattled. This has a miraculous effect on the exhaustion we are all beginning to feel.

Things are getting better still. The latest Tory advert por-trays Blair as Helmut Kohl's



rentriloquist's doil. Time to bring back Punch and Judy? It is acknowledged that almost the only shift in public opinion since the beginning of the campaign is an improvement in our direction. Paddy and Jane go to France, weighed down with teddy bears and champagne, to meet their

APRIL 22

Sit in on interview with George Jones and Alice Thomson for the Daily Telegraph, which goes very well. How-

that made you switch to the reference to John Major being like a row of houses on the A3. This duly appears in the article and Richard Holme and I have a disagrement at the pre-press conference meeting as to the exact siting of these houses. The pressure must be getting to me - I never argue about locations, since I have no sense of

direction. Nick Clarke, on The World At One, asks Paddy what he meant but Paddy can't really explain himself. I don't think it will do us much electoral

Sudden flurry over an ICM poll that puts the Tories up, and in the running. We don't

When Gavin told us todaywas Take your daughter to work day", we asked Liberal Democrat candidates to bring their daughters to our press coffer ences. The theme was "A Fair deal for women". Candicates and party workers take their daughters out campaigning: the result - great media

FINAL WEEK

We throw to the winds all caution about one-man-tands and send Paddy off in a fleet (well there were more than two) of helicopters on a whirlwind tour. Tim Razzall, in charge of the last week, metamorphoses into Tim Fish and becomes obsessed by hurricanes and hailstorms. In fact the sun shines and enthusiastic crowds greet Paddy. Supporters wave placards stating "We trust Paddy", "Invest in education", "Winning here". The Oxford rally overflows.

The day before Election Day we get an endorsement from Tom Conti. I call him to thank him after it is all over. Fortysix MPs! Amazing what an

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A traveller in the realm of the mind

s a young academic with two small children George Steiner faced a life-transforming decision: accept a lucrative post at an American university and help fulfil Hitler's prophecy that, as he puts it, "no one called Steiner would ever live in Europe", or remain at Cambridge where he had little chance of securing tenure. A polygiot and a maverick, Steiner, a founding fellow of Churchill College, did not fit comfortably into the closed, parochial world of the Cambridge English faculty of the mid-1960s. He was too selfconfident, too eclectic, not English enough.

His passion for work in other languages, his restless roaming across apparently incompatible disciplines and insistence on the Holocaust as the defining calamity of our century isolated him. He was offered a professorial salary. but denied the right to examine. Steiner, who as an extraordinary fellow of Churchill retains links with his college, says: "That would have been fatal: if you can't examine, if you can't join in the life of a faculty your students suffer. I wouldn't accept this."

He was determined, though, to live in Europe, to honour the moral imperative of his father who sternly told him over lunch that if he went to America, "Hitler had won".

"Later," he says, "I phoned my wife and said, 'Zara. I don't know if I can enter industry or sell clothing, but I will do anything rather than face that moment of contempt from my father again'." So Steiner, in his own self-description, became a "great wanderer", a figure on the margins, working in universities but belonging to none. It was not until his appointment, in 1972, as Professor of Comparative Literature at Geneva University that he secured a

settled position. Now 68, he describes his wife Zara — a native New Yorker of Lithuanian Jewish extraction and a former vicepresident of New Hall, Cambridge - as the love of his life. Their meeting was ordained: working in London in the early 1950s (he was then a writer on the Economist; she on secondment at the Foreign Office) they received separate postcards from former professors at Harvard, where they had both studied, urging them "to be a sport" and meet up. "The professors had had a

Polymath, scholar and instinctive outsider, George Steiner talks to Jason Cowley about risk, passion and the decency of the English

bet... that we would get married if we ever met." Steiner ignored the first postcard, but soon afterwards another arrived. He phoned Zara and they met for afternoon tea, agreeing that "we would send our own postcard after the meeting, saying, You lose the bet'." But at the end of our afternoon together, he turned to Zara and said: "Perhaps we should send that postcard next time."

Walking with Steiner through the grounds of Churchill College you are struck by the loneliness of his position and how his plight as an outsider has hurt him. His parents were ele-

gant, cultured Viennese Jews, who, unsettled by the incipient anti-semitism in Austrian society, moved to Paris in 1924. "A systematic, doctrinal Jew-hatred seethed and stank below the glittering liberalities of Viennese culture," he writes in his new

book, Errata, a compelling semi-autobiographical meditation.

Steiner is a treasured, if trenchant and controversial, link to the central European Jewry from which sprang many of the commanding figures of our modernity -Wittgenstein, Marx, Freud. Einstein and Schoenberg. Many of his essays — a form he has made idiosyncratically his own — are elegies for that lost world. For Steiner the perplexity of our age is that the humanities did not humanise: that senior Nazis listened to Schumann and Bach and still organised the Final Solution: that great art may, in some way, encourage barbarism and tyranny; that to survive the levelling threat of assimilation the Jew may have to solicit

He feels he owes his exis-tence to the fact that his father, a prosperous merchant banker, saw with "grim clairvoyance" the coming Nazi storm. He describes how his father

and friends of the danger of remaining in Vienna. "Nobody of your age," he says, gripping my arm. "knows what it was to grow up with a father who knew that Hitler was coming but couldn't get people to listen to him. As late as 1938, his cousins and sisters in Vienna and Prague were saying, 'Oh. come off it. We are completely safe'." Steiner

They stayed and died." Steiner was born in Paris in 1929, with a withered right arm — an handicap, which though he does not say so.

pauses, lowers his head. "But,

of course, 1938 was too late.

may have given him an instinctive sympathy for the outcast. He was 'Of course, 1938 was precocious and gifted, studying the classics as a child. too late. He was educated at home and in the They elitist French lycee system, where he stayed spoke French, German and English. and died' In 1940 the family moved to America,

where Steiner attended the University of Chicago. A month after they left Paris the Nazis surged in. Of the many Jewish children in his school only two survived. Steiner adored his parents.

His mother, who often began a sentence in one language ending it in another, was, he says, a "typically delightful Viennese grand dame". He gently begins to sing, as his mother once sang to him, a charming ditty: "I am bad/I could be better/But it doesn't really matter." He looks up, his eyes watering. "I loved my parents so much that it killed the creative artist in me."

That is not strictly true: as well as criticism. Steiner has written fiction, including The Portage to San Cristobel of AH, in which a team of Nazi hunters discovers an aged Adolf Hitler living in exile in a Peruvian jungle. The novella was an international success: Steiner considered leaving academe and striking out as a novelist. He admires writers of

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extremes, solitary, unafraid individuals who step outside conventional society in search of radical self-expression. He quotes approvingly a line from I.A. Richards: "Leaping crev-ices in the dark/That is the way to live."

He regrets that he himself has not lived on the edge, not leapt enough crevices in the dark, not been swayed by passions, "After the success of the Hitler novel in the mid-1970s, I thought about going it alone; my only defence for not doing so was that I loved teaching. That's just an apologia."

He recalls his father's fuscination with Disraeli and England. "For the eastern and central European Jewish Intelligentsia, the career of Disraeli had assumed a mythical, talismanic aura." Šteiner also loves England, yet remains frustrated by its philistinism. mistrust of intellectuals and cultural fatigue. "When I was having trouble at Cambridge, people used to say it was because they didn't want a Jew to teach English. But I don't think it was that. England has a veneer of high society antisemitism, yet it has given Jews a tolerance, protection and ironic indifference...

"In France, where they are passionate about abstract ideas, if you shoot a man for disagreeing with you about Hegel, then that is a tremendous compliment to the life of the mind. The English would say, 'No, no, that is very silly'."

Steiner considers what he calls "the blessed decency" of John Major to be emblematically English. "That he could hand over power with a courteous handshake and smile, and then go that same afternoon to a cricket match speaks well of the man. Robespierre would not have gone to a cricket match."

teiner speaks as he writes, long sentences of baroque grandeur. His English, with its massed adjectives and awkward syntax, but also its cloudbursts of insight, recalls Conrad. Critics are divided over his language and style, over his towering self-belief and range. Nabokov famously complained that one of his essays was "built on solid abstractions and opaque generalisations"; James Wood, writing in the New Republic, lamented his "laborious imprecisions and melodramas". Steiner remains stoical. "I



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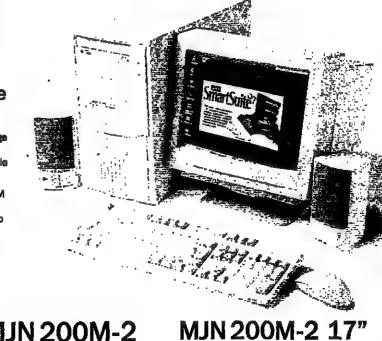
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the risks (and drugs) not taken. In the final chapter,

written in characteristic twi-

light mode, he grapples with

his Judaism, with what he

calls his "messianic agnosti-

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7 hich channel is the golden goose of British television, for its investment ing British talent and for reaching the majority of British viewers? ITV. And look what happened to the golden goose. Many think that that is about to happen to ITV, and in three or four years. This was one of the topics at the Royal Television Society's convention at Cambridge over the weekend.

By any comparison, ITV is a unique British success story. No where else is there a channel which makes profits for its shareholders, contributes massively in taxes to the state and makes programmes which sometimes outstrip those made by its often subsidised and tax-free rivals.

The British television programme currently most admired in the world is Prime Suspect. made by Granada and recently winner of its fourth successive Emmy. Then there is World in Action, Jimmy McGovern's Hillsborough, and the coverage of the

Paying the price of the TV revolution funeral of Diana, Princess of

Wales, which well matched that of its prime competitor.

The backbone of regional television in the UK is ITV. The network wins 40 per cent of peaktime audiences. It invests and this is very important — £420 million a year in British produc-tion and British programmes. But, according to analysts, it will be in serious trouble unless radical changes are made soon-

The problem is finance. Once upon a time there was something called the Cosy Duopoly. The BBC took public money, ITV took advertising money, and away they went to lure the best actors. writers, directors, producers and technical staffs in the country. Now we are told that the duopoly is over and all has changed.

But only half of it has changed. The BBC still retains its monopoly of public money, now approaching El.6 billion a year. But ITV's corresponding monopoly of advertising money has been smashed to

Channel 4 takes advertising in quantity: Channel 5 is now in the hunt; BSkyB and cable are in the same game. For the ITV stations the game has changed dramatically. But it still finds itself with the same penalties as if it were still the sole commercial outlet. ITV has to pay the Treasury £400 million a pays £22 million, Channel 4 noth-

ing; satellite is out of the equation.
On a Sunday morning, while the other channels take 95 per cent of the audience with "commercial" programming, ITV is obliged to broadcast two hours of religion. A Martian would be utterly baffled as to which was the public service channel. While ITV was rich and



argued that there is a rough justice in tying it down to what was in effect a public service renut for a substantial proportion of its air time. But now that uniqueness has

competitors. Indeed, there are those who would argue that it has a new competitor in a BBC playing the commercial channels at their

All the graphs now point to a decline in revenue for ITV. Graphs have been wrong before, but here they have a logic and let us assume they are giving us a clear message. What are the options? The Treasury and Chris Smith, the Culture Secretary, could ignore this and say that the ITV companies are making good profits, therefore they can take the strain.

But that would not answer the case. The ITV companies have been encouraged to extend their commercial operations to make them more widely competitive. Like other companies they have to serve shareholders, and the Government is behind them on this. So

poured a lavish amount into UK production. But what happens when profits clash with programme budgets?

The ITV companies could argue that they have no public obligation to outspend BBCI or Channel 4 on programmes of quality. Prime Suspect, for instance, is a costly hour of television. It is possible for ITV to spend half as much on another drama or a tenth as much on the rights to a Hollywood film and settle for the lower audience while holding up the profit. They could continue to be profitable for many years, but could they continue to be both profitable and produce quality programming? It is not too difficult to make cheaper arts programmes or docuentertainment. But if that course were followed then it is certain it would have a debilitating effect on all the other channels. Why? Because since the mid-1960s it is the ITV schedule which has called the tune in direct competition with BBC1. Were one to lurch in a particular direction, the other would follow.

The simplest and best method would be to reduce this anachronistic and unfair burden on ITV as soon as possible, by reducing ITV's reasury contribution and asking the other commercial channels to make up the difference.

The system is clearly out of kilter. The days of milk and honey are gone, and ITV will certainly fight to retain and even increase its profits, and it would be a disaster for British TV were that to be at the expense of quality programming and substantial investment in our industry. It is tricky to go in for special pleading for what is still a success. But the logic of the graphs is inexorable, and the cry of "wolf" is sometimes a real one.

Old folk got together

asis's Gallagher brothers may love their mother dearly. but their affection stops short of singing on stage with her That's not rock n roll. In folk. though, they do things differently. While rock thrives on sibling rivalry, folk opts for

domestic harmony. Water-son:Carthy is its embodiment. Waterson:Carthy is Norma Waterson, whose solo album rivalled Pulp for last year's Mercury Music Prize: Martin Carthy, her husband who, like her, has been a key figure in English folk since the 1960s: and their daughter. Eliza Carthy, a talented singer and fiddle player. Together, they have recorded two albums, the first in 1994, the second, Com-

mon Tongue, earlier this year. Onstage there is much teasing and back chat, and the easy companionship of a happy family, but their performance shows no sign of cosy self-indulgence. Their set is largely a tribute to the rich history of English folk music. They do not, though, wallow in nostulgia and nationalism. Their England is a patchwork Waterson introduces each

Waterson Carthy Norwich

song, she locates it precisely it's from Southampton, or Hull, or just up the coast from Robin Hood's Bay.

Nor do Waterson:Carthy perform these tunes as if they were precious relics. Instead, with the addition of accordionist Saul Rose, they invest them



if the sea captains and forlorn lovers were in the Norwich Arts Centre audience. Waterson's hands carve gentle arcs in the air as her warm rasp discovers the hidden melancholy in a tune. Eliza Carthy. her hair dyed green and her bottom lip pierced, sways and stamps her foot as she moves between boisterous hompipes and lilting waltzes.

Meanwhile, father Martin plays the self-effacing accompanist, emerging only occasionally into the spotlight, as he does to sing the catchy Rackabello.

There are many fine moments in a long show. One is a rendition of Some Old Salty, with its memories of rocking to "Jelly Roll and Jerry Lee", but performed as a Baptist hymn by four unaccompanied voices locked in praise. Another, even finer, is Fisher Boy, a song about "fish and love", with its stutteringly slow guitar and violin, and with the anguished harmonies of mother and daughter — a model of Waterson:Carthy family

JOHN STREET

Did the virtuoso violinist Midori enjoy her hothouse upbringing? Hilary Finch finds out

for a family gathering The prodigy grows up

Midori? Variously it has been called obsessively serious, the musicianship of a veteran within the body of an adolescent, and even the violinist's equivalent of bonsai in its fastidious. intensive cultivation.

But as the 25-year-old Japanese born violinist celebrates the tenth anniversary of her London debut with the London Symphony Orchestra, the character remains calculatedly enigmatic. The surname was discarded when she was II; the single melonliqueur of a name masking a personality with a distinctively sharp aftertaste; and a recent. mysterious two-year silence.

Midori is learning to survive. Surviving, against all odds, being handed a violin at the age of four by an ambitious violin-teacher mother: surviving early entrance to the Dorothy Delaye violin-teaching hothouse at the Juilliard School; surviving being spotted and championed by the likes of Zubin Mehta; surviving a full calendar of highprofile engagements from the

In interview, Midori's antennae quiver. She is tense, hyper-alert, constantly selfmonitoring. She insists on the presence of a minder. Her answers are business-like, crisp. astute, only obliquely revealing. What did it feel like landing in New York at 11 with no English? "I really don't remember. Aspen was beautiful ... the mountains ... '

Did she feel isolated? Did she have to pick up language and social skills by osmosis? "Yes. That was probably what happened. Most of all I had to discover how to learn repertoire really fast. I was bringing to my lessons a concerto per week. Yeah, that was different." Different? "To play through a concerto every week

ou**ld** she have had it any other know about that. don't have any regrets, if that's what you mean. I just felt there was never enough time. The most difficult thing was learning how to say no graciously. And I had to figure that out for myself. Yes, there were difficult times. But I've always accepted that as part of life. Things come and go. It's helpful to know that."

never enough time is that Midori bites voraciously on



drink, party, celebrate after a concert. Midori will be returning to her room to study. Not the next concerto but, in all likelihood, the declensions of Old High German, or the relationship betwen apartheid and children in South Africa. Three years ago, she became a part-time student of New York University, reading for a Bachelors degree, and taking two courses per semester. study mainly in the spring and the fall. It grounds me. Really calms me down. Y'know, one of my dogs is called Willa, after my favourite American

author. Willa Cather . . . " And just in case a vacant half-minute should occur in her life, Midori has set up a charitable educational foundation called Midori and Friends. She is happier talking

about this, it seems, than anything else. "I wanted desperately to share what had meant so much to me. Growing up in New York. I knew that many schools no longer had any music programme at all. Through music, my own eyes were opened to literature, history, geography, I don't sicians out of these children. but simply to open more doors

Each school receives a series of five concert-presentations. backed up by advance material and follow-up workshops. foundation, now a \$500,000 operation with a fulltime, handpicked staff, is sup-ported by both corporate and charitable backers, and now reaches 22 schools in all five New York boroughs. The work is clearly a two-way process. "I can only share." says Midori. "when I am accepted by the person I am trying to share with. These children accept me as a friend. accept my music."

It is above all the quality of communication which she looks forward to in her forthcoming London concert. "Sir Colin Davis is a person of total honesty and sincerity. And the

sense of spontaneity and freedom he brings to music-making is supported by such a strong musical intellect. This has an enormous effect on the way I perform. I'm often called a perfectionist. But I don't see myself that way. I'm very demanding of myself, yes. I'm very ambitious. I simply try to do the best I can - which at any time is, of course, not the best I can ever do."

 Midori appears with the London Symphony Orchestra at the Barbican (017)-638 8891) tomorrow and Wednesday, and in an evening of chamber music with LSO principuls on Saturday

Stop the millennium dumb

Barbican

million of their own money in

1995, as for their hit records.

What could they be up to this

Well, first there was a short.

Drummond invite you to a 23minute performance during which the next 840 days of our lives will be discussed. Tickets Elu." That was the mysterious premise on which last Wed-

nesday night's show at the Barbican Centre was sold. Cauty and Drummond, known variously in the past as the Justified Ancients Of Mu Mu, the KLF and the K Foundation, have acquired notoriety as much for their

single-shot film of a brick, called This Brick. How very droil. Then, record company mogul Anthony Wilson gave a brief introduction in which he wasteful publicity stunts, in-cluding the burning of £1 explained that popular music often failed to be "working class". Cue the arrival of the Williams Fairey Brass Band which, accompanied by an industrial-strength acid house

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rhythm track, struck up the old KLF hit What Time Is Cauty and Drummond, wearing pyjamas and with their trademark horns strapped to their foreheads, buzzed around the stage in motorised wheelchairs. Drummond was holding a dead swan, from which he was seen to be plucking

Meanwhile, an axe-wielding "salvationist" in a vicar's collar and gold lame suit, and a shop steward character in a white coat with a megaphone.

exhorting a rapidly swelling cast of participants to greater A male choir materialised to

sing K Sera Sera (the K Foundation's version of the Doris Day standard) and then a placard-waving mob of striking Liverpool dockers arrived on the scene. Their slogan, which they chanted for several long minutes over the music, was "F"k the millennium — we want it now".

This pithy concept, helpfully beamed up on a screen behind the stage, stood at the heart of the performance. Indeed, when it was all over, every member of the audience was presented with a white carrier bag containing a T-shirt poster and bumper sticker all bearing this same anti-millennium message, with instructions to "use them to the full".

As a "discussion" it was rather lacking in detail, to put it mildly. As a polemic, it all seemed curiously old-fashioned, a return to the gesture politics of the 1980s rather than a vision of the future. As a musical/theatrical presentation the strongest point in its favour was its brevity.

One of the reasons there is DAVID SINCLAIR EN

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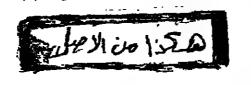
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even if our leaders recommend it. Whether we might do so on

the basis of any different policies is a hypothetical question which we do not need to As it happens, Paddy

Ashdown has come up with the perfect formula for our relations with the Government, that of issue-based cooperation. We co-operate where we agree, and oppose

where we do not. Time will show how that formula will develop. We do not need to answer the question now. An attempt to take us further, if skilfully made, would split the

party as completely as Lloyd George did in 1918. If it were unskilfully made, half a dozen people would go by themselves and leave the party behind

ur sense of our own identity rests on the very distinct party philosophy, which can be traced back to Mill and Locke. Our central concern is to try to control the abuse of power: the association of Liberalism and liberty is more than a wordplay. For that reason, when we

use words like "left-wing", we do not mean the same thing as Labour. Back in 1968, when the first Wilson Government was falling apart, Roy Jenkins appeared to me to be the most left-wing member of the Government. It was not a view widely shared in the Labour

We do not see in Labour, old or new, any dedication to controlling the arrogance of power. When Peter Mandelson denounced Martha Kearney for not asking him the questions he wanted, we heard the voice of Brian Mawhinney. Tony Blair's Church House speech to the new Labour MPs did not suggest that the need to control the executive had a

must not enter a coalition prominent place in their mis-

A Lib-Lab

pact would

be disaster

Conrad Russell on why his party

hen the Liberal Democrats meet at

we meet as the biggest third

party in Europe, as the biggest third party at Westminster

since 1929, and as the second

party in local government. We

meet united on policy to an

extent remarkable in our par-

Why, then, are we facing a

series of anxious questions, as

well as trumpeting our suc-

cesses? The answer is Tony

Blair, the Hale-Bopp of British

politics, streaming across the

heavens while everyone asks

questions about him. Is he a

Socialist? Is he a Liberal? Is he

a Conservative? Is he a Chris-

tian autocrat? Much hangs on

the answers and after five

months, all answers are a

form of betting. After five

months in power, I thought

Harold Wilson was going to lead a great reforming administration.

Time will answer these

questions, and we must hedge

our bets till it does. Mean-

while, we need to trust each

other and put over an excellent

set of policies. We have earned

confidence in ourselves. We

have grown in 40 years from

the Rutland to the Scotland of

British politics, and a stubborn, bloody-minded sense of

our own identity is part of our survival kit. We are not going

to give it up. We will not go into an electoral pact: we

cannot deliver our voters, let

alone our activists. We will not

go into a coalition on the basis

of Mr Blair's present policies

ty, let alone the other two.

Eastbourne today.

sion statement Our concern is also the spirit in which power is exercised. Constitutional reform. however welcome, is not enough: power must be exer-cised with humility. We hold to Mill's principle that people are normally the best judges of their own interests: "Whatever crushes individuality is despotism, by whatever name it may be called." Government may not say, like the doctors who took part in the Swedish sterilisation programme: "But it was meant for their good." That is the good intention that paves the road to hell. We hear no awareness of this in Mr Blair's words in his Big Issue article: "It is right to be intolerant of people homeless

on the street. Our desire to fight poverty is part and parcel of our desire to control aggression. There is a near-unanimous agreement among historians that we were never the free-market party caricatured by our oppo-

en Mill went out of his way to say that since trade was a social act, his principle of liberty was entirely independent of his belief in free-market economics. In fact, if we think in terms of politics and not economics, there is more consistency in our 19th-century economic record than is often supposed. Our invocations of free-market theory (such as our attack on the Corn Laws) and our defences of State intervention (like regulation of health and safety at work) both rested on a common foundation of dislike of monopoly of economic power. Our cause is not minimum government: it is mini-

mum oppression. We do not believe that cause can be pursued within Conservative spending limits, which Kenneth Clarke told Malcolm Bruce were "for the birds". To take a few examples, so long as this Government does not restore the cut in benefit for single parents, or ends the disentitlement to benefit of asylum seekers and 16- and 17year-olds, we cannot believe it stands for minimum oppression, Liberal Democrats cannot be asked to stand up and defend such measures.

We believe State intervention may create liberty, as well as diminishing it. For example, controlling air pollution by cars will defend the liberty to breathe - which even Hobbes thought a necessary liberty. Yet the State cannot do this without providing alternative methods of travel, and making those methods safe. It will never do it within Conservative spending limits. Liberty is not aided by the sort of Labour discipline which led to a woman being disentitled to jobseekers' allowance because she was not "actively seeking work" when she had spent the week attending her husband's deathbed. We hear nothing of any change in this policy from Labour. Until they do. we cannot believe they aim at nunimum oppression. Gordon Brown, by adopting Mr Clarke's spending limits, proved he was right that they were for the birds - Hitch-

Professor Earl Russell is a Liberal Democrat spokesman

A wafer-thin majority was a reminder that referendum electorates can never be taken for granted

The Welsh referendum result is an historic event, not just for Wales, but for the United Kingdom as a whole. For Wales it means that there will be an assembly. but one which will remain part of the constitutional structure of the United Kingdom. With such a narrow ma-jority on such a low poll, there is no momentum towards independence. whatever may be true in Scotland. For Britain, it is a failure for the project of constitutional "modernisation", which would have followed devolution in Scotland and Wales with the partition of England, the adoption of the German system of proportional election, and integration

within Europe.

The drop in support in Wales for an assembly was astonishing. In May, the three left-of-centre parties won roughly 80 per cent of the vote; in September they campaigned together for a "yes" vote on devolution, and could obtain only 50 per cent of the votes on a much smaller turnout. Their actual vote in Wales fell by half. This was not the result of any brilliant Conservative campaign; by a strategic misjudgment, the Conservatives put most of their campaign effort into Scotland, where they were bound to lose. Their campaign in Wales was relatively feeble, where

they might have won. The Welsh result means that Tony Blair cannot rely on further referendums to give him the answers that he would like. Presumably the Government will still win the referendum on a mayor for London, because Londoners probably do want to have their own mayor. Labour will not however, win that referendum merely by appealing to party loyalty. No one can yet tell what the result of a referendum on a single currency would be. As the result would be unpredictable. Mr Blair cannot allow Gordon Brown to go too far; a decision to join the euro which was repudiated in a referendum is one of

The Welsh deliver a lesson in mortality

Government. It has become too risky. The Welsh vote also makes it much harder, if not impossible, to break up

England into regional assemblies. If an assembly cannot win a reasonable majority in Wales, which is a nation. nobody can rely on winning a majority in the East or West Midlands, which certainly are not nations. The English regional project would be difficult enough in any case. The people of Cornwall do not want to be governed from Bristol, nor does Manchester or Liverpool want to be governed from the other city.

The electoral reform proposal is also much more difficult after the Welsh result. If, as will be the case of the Scottish parliament, the United Kingdom Parliament had been elected since the war on the German system, the Liberals would have decided which of the major parties formed the Government after almost every election since 1950; of course, the election results would not have been the same. There would never have been a Thatcher Government, and Britain would probably still have the high tax, large public sector, low productivity economy that we had in 1979. In Germany itself, it is far harder to make political and econom-

ic changes than it is in Britain. English nationalists have come to fear that England is about to be destroyed as a nation, with the Labour Party pushing through the full constitutional agenda of the Liberal Democrats. That agenda includes devolution for Scotland and Wales, regional devolution for England, a proportional electoral system, joining the single currency, and ultimately a federal European state in which Scotland, Wales and the English regions would enjoy approxi-mately equal status to the German Länder as subordinate regions of

This is the full "modernisation" project. English nationalism is seen as an obstacle, and is therefore to be destroyed, in favour of a new Euro-

William Rees-Mogg

in patriotism, though Scottish and Welsh nationalism would still be encouraged. The more consistent of these modernisers also want to abolish the monarchy, since the Crown is a focus of loyalty for the English as well as for the United

Kingdom. One cannot say that this project has disappeared because of the narrowness of the Welsh vote, though it has been made much harder to achieve. Except for the abolition of the monarchy, it remains the official policy of the Liberal Party, but depends for success entirely on the

backs it. As it involves a radical transfer of political power from the Labour Government to the Liberals on the one hand, and to Brussels on the other, it has always been possible that Mr Blair's instinct of self preservation would save him from it.

Yet Mr Blair is, in the language of the fund management world, a momentum player". He piles into the policies which are going up, and has maintained the momentum of new Labour with remarkable skill. The Welsh have now halted the momentum of constitutional reform. The reform policy depended on winning referendums. The Welsh have taught Tony Blair that he cannot take the referendum electorates for granted: at the height of his power, they have whispered in his ear that new Labour's political career is only mortal.

The English and the Welsh nations will now jog along together for another generation, perhaps another century, perhaps another millennium. British politics have been linked together, off and on, for nearly 2,000 years already. In Nero's time the Roman general who subdued Wales, Suetonius Paulinus, also defeated the British Queen Boadicea. Tacitus describes the final Welsh resistance on the Isle of Anglesey. "The Roman infantry crossed on flat-bottom boats, because the sea is shallow; the cavalry followed by the ford, swimming when the sea was high. The Welsh Army was lined up thickly on

were running through the ranks of the men. in their mourning clothes, with their hair falling about their ears, and carrying burning torches, like the furies out of hell. The Druids ifted up their hands to heaven and poured out curses." Thus, the ancestors of Lloyd George lost their liberties to the ancestors of The Welsh are still a small nation.

and, as the referendum vote showed. a divided one. Their population is only a 20th of the United Kingdom as a whole. The sense of Welsh national identity has been preserved in culture and language, rather than in law or politics. The culture is spiritual as well as aesthetic; the Welsh are a singing people whose songs have often also been prayers. They are now much mixed with the English, just as the English are themselves a mixed people, with many mainly Celtic families among them.

The referendum shows that Wales does not divide, as had been supposed between north and south, so much as between east and west, between those people who live close to England and those who live further away. Complete separation from England would be artificial, and would damage both nations.

evertheless, they are two nations. Welshness is a reality which has to be respected. The Welsh assembly ought to have more power rather than less, particullarly in the cultural area. As has been suggested, the assembly ought to have power to regulate the terrestrial broadcasting channels. HTV, half Cardiff, half Bristol, is an unfortu-nate hybrid: BBC Wales should be given independent status, as should BBC Scotland, while continuing to draw on BBC resources. For Wales it is the culture that matters most, and the Welsh assembly can contribute to

Little brother is watching you'

Ashdown is

central to the

success of Blair's reforms, says

Peter Riddell

addy Ashdown needs the friendly hand of Tony Biair far more in the short-term than Labour needs the support of the Liberal Democrats. But, in the long-term. Mr Ashdown and his party could be central to Mr Blair's attempt to reshape the centre-left of British politics. That is why Mi Ashdown is so excited, and so impatient with the doubters in his own party — some of whom were already surfacing in Eastbourne yesterday at the start of the Lib Dem conference.

Mr Ashdown is right to argue that British politics is in a state of metamorphosis. Or, to use a metaphor more suited to his brisk. military style of leadership, a great game is afoot - and he is determined that the Lib Dems should be players in ít.

The terms of that game are being determined by Mr Blair, but much remains opaque. His aim is to recreate the broad progressive alliance which sustained the reforms of the pre-First World War Liberal Government. As Roy Jenkins, Lib Dem leader in the Lords and a Blair mentor, said in The Observer of the Prime Minister: "One of his strongest desires is to heal the split on the centre-left which has existed since 1914 and made the 20th century overwhelmingly a Tory century in a way the 19th century was not, and the 21st century need not be." But how? At one level, this means the kind of one-nation, big-tent inclusiveness

which has been Mr Blair's hallmark - seeking to maximise public support by involving businessmen and others not associated with old Labour. The same spirit saw Mr Blair promise legislation on a proportional



system of elections to the European Parliament and, boldest of all, to set up a consultative Cabinet committee with senior Lib Dems, which met for

the first time last week. Mr Ashdown is engaged in a delicate balancing act, which he has called "constructive opposition". This means co-operating with Labour where there is agreement, as on most of the constitutional reform agenda, but robustly opposing the Government where there is disagreement, as over the level of spending on education and the NHS.

Such criticism has already led to muttering about "responsibility and consistency" from Labour machine men like Peter Mandelson. The real issue is one of tone, avoiding the sanctimonious attitude of many Liberal Democrats which so infuriates Mr Blair. Mr Ashdown used to

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

be guilty, but has been notably restrained in his comments about Labour since May I.

Some Blair allies see co-operation as a means of ensuring Lib Dem support for the Government at times of unpopularity, and possibly also as the basis for a more formal alliance after the next election. That is the precisely the fear of many Lib Dems, particularly those fighting Labour in the big cities of the North, who point to how the old Liberal Party suffered in 1979 from the Lib-Lab pact of 20 years ago. But it is an illusion to pretend that the Lib Dems can ever gain from being hostile to Labour. If the Blair Government does badly, so will the Lib Dems.

However, unlike 1977-78. Mr

Ashdown can already point to lasting gains from co-operation with Labour. The proposals for a PR system of elections to the new legislatures in Scotland and Wales, and for the European elections, virtually guarantee a larger Lib Dem representation. Moreover, as Lord Jenkins of Hillhead has said, the two parties will have to work together in a coalition in Edinburgh to ensure a coherent majority. I believe the promise of PR, avoiding a permanent Labour majority, was crucial to the success of the "yes" vote. Labour leaders in Scotland are already talking about introducing PR in local

government there. Important though these changes are, they are merely a preliminary to the big question: PR for Westminster. Mr Blair has promised a commission (to be set up soon) to produce a

proportional alternative to first-pastthe-post in a choice to be put to voters later in the parliament. Mr Blair is himself famously "not persuaded" of PR and Labour is deeply divided on PANGLOSSINE

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the issue.

Mr Blair has to decide what his talk of a pluralist, non-tribal style of politics really means. Is he envisaging a reshaping of the boundaries of "new" Labour to include sympathetic Lib Dems and possibly also some pro-European Tories, and shedding some socialist fundamentalists in the process? Or is he prepared to make the leap, via electoral reform, to a

multi-party style of politics?'
Richard Holme, the Lib Dems' most acute strategist, summed up the choice in his Reformer lecture last night: the challenge for Mr Blair and his colleagues is whether they "sincerely believe in pluralism, or do you want to create a new Labour hegemony?" Is it sharing of power or a takeover? Several of Mr Blair's allies remain tribalists, even authoritarians, by temperament and favour the. latter. They anyway argue that the two parties have converged on big policy issues.

s Conrad Russell argues on this page, the Lib Dems do have a separate identity and roots. They have made a distinctive contribution on constitutional reform and issues of civil liberty which has enriched British politics. But, as some Lib Dem MPs will show this week, there is a risk of sounding "purer than thou" in an effort to place themselves to the left of Mr Blair. Yet Lib Dems have to accept the consequences of their desire for electoral reform. As Lord Holme argued, "anyone who campaigns for PR but rules out coalition in any circumstances is suffering from a serious logic

This week's conference will show how far the Lib Dems are willing to share their leader's determination to be bold. There are obvious risks and pitfalls. Tribal and adversarial instincts run deep. But the potential prizes are huge. Mr Blair and Mr Ashdown have the chance to keep the Tories out of office for a very long

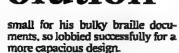
Red revolution

TONY Blair's determination to dirch Labour's red image has gone too far: red boxes, in which ministers have transported documents relating to matters of State for more than 250 years, are on the

verge of being abolished. They are to be replaced by sturdy black crates. "Labour ministers travel on trains far more than Conservatives, who used to be chauffeured," explains a senior Labour source. "The red boxes are too easily identified, which poses a

security risk. While senior civil servants are said to be enraged at the abolition, sentiment counts for little with modern ministers. "No convention is safe from reform," says one. "We don't see these boxes as being historically important; we just open them wearily at the end of the day knowing we've got to read the contents by morning." Steven Norris, a minister in the last Government, once referred to his as "an extraordinarily effective contracep-

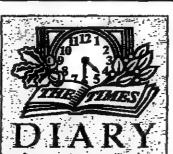
tiv<u>e</u> pill". The rot set in with David Blunkett, the Education Secretary, who found the regulation cases too



more capacious design. Perhaps it is just as well. In his Diaries Alan Clark described a train journey down to Folkestone where he made the aquaintance of a "plump young lady" whose "delightful globes bounced promi-



"When did you last see your



nently". Afterwards he asked: "Am I crazy? Death wish? Above us in the luggage rack the red box gleamed like a beacon."

Focused A FURTHER reading from *The Dean's Diaries*, by the Rev Trevor Beeson, Dean of Winchester. Having dealt with the Duchess of York, he now turns to Diana, Princess of Wales, whom he remembers escorting after a service at Westmin-

ster Abbey. The press were there in full force and I was amazed by all the clicking of cameras." he writes. "I asked her if this bothered her." At which the Princess replied, "I would be much more worried if they were not interested.

● An embarrassed silence pervades the set of the Australian TV programme A Current Affair, where the car crash which killed Diana, Princess of Wales, is being reconstructed. Driving an E-class Mercedes at speeds of L20mph proved too much for even the most sober of stuntmen: barely had they left the studio than it ricocheted out of control, narrowly missing the head cameraman.

Agent MacX

AFTER two centuries of exile and disgrace, the MacFarlane clan is looking to an American film star to clear its tarnished name. The clan, based in America after being banished from Scotland in the 18th century for cattle-rustling, has heralded David Duchovny, alias Agent Mulder of the X Files, as its new chief. "Our quest was to find someone of proper lineage," says Richard Miller, the president of the MacFarlane Society in North Ken-

tucky. "Someone who was com-Back on the grouse moors, the mood is circumspect. "We've had endless pretenders to the lost chiefdom," says the Lord Lyon, Sir Malcolm lanes. "I look forward to



Duchovny: clan call of MacFarlane and proof of his lineage thereof."

Pint sighs

PTIY a Mr Ad'Obe Obe, who is organising the Commonwealth Conference, Africa at 40, in London next month. Not much to celebrate, one might imagine, with famine, civil war and uncontrollable crime ravaging much of the continent. But delegates have been cheered by receiving his Undifferenced Arms Guinness, which is sending over JUST as he was convincing us that

2,000 bottles brewed at its Lagos plant. "Muslims drink it back nome because they refuse to accept it contains any alcohol," enthuses

Shrink rap

by Hague, who is said to be verg-ing on a major identity crisis. According to the psychologist Oliver James, the Tory leader "lacks a sense of authentic self" and should book a session on his couch. It's very odd to address a party conference aged 16," says James, who once reduced Peter Mand-elson to tears. "He wanted to be a crowd-pleaser, not an adolescent. The attacks on his leadership tell him he is not coming up to the standards he set himself at an early age." This could be one of politics' shorter careers. He will suffer a

GLOOM and despair blight the

horizon of beleaguered "Wee Wil-

he was deeply miserable during the rest of his leadership." **Testing times**

collapse in his levels of serotonin,"

opines lames. "It happened to John

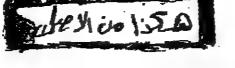
Major after Black Wednesday and



Making up: Bowie and Iman

he has turned respectable. David Bowie has been used by Iman, his model wife, to test make-up she has devised for a new cosmetics line. But the rock star's renowned pen-chant for cross-dressing appears to have paled.

"David doesn't wear much make-up any more, save for a little mascara and eyeshadow," says his wife. There isn't even a feather boa in his cupboard."







CROWDED AT THE CENTRE

Liberal Democrats struggle to remain distinctive

This week in Eastbourne, Liberal Democrats gathering for their party conference will claim to have much to cheer. In May, they more than doubled their parliamentary representation to 46 MPs; and despite holding just a tenth of Labour's seats, they have won a chance to shape the Government's constitutional reform programme through the joint Labour/Liberal Democrat cabinet committee. Yet party members' outward exuberance masks a deeper disquiet. Is their leader flying, like Icarus, too close to the Labour Party's sun? Will the party find its support melting away if it cooperates too closely with the Government?

Despite winning many more seats in the last election, the Lib Dems saw their share of the vote fall, as it has in every election since 1983. The party may now be better at targeting winnable seats. And the electorate is becoming increasingly adept at tactical voting. But, with a Government already enacting almost all the policies for which the centre party has traditionally stood, there must be a danger that its voters will defect en masse to Labour at the next election.

As well as their small core of supporters, the Lib Dems could in the past count on votes from two sources: disaffected Tories who dared not make the leap straight across to Labour; and those who wanted the Lib Dems to act as a moderating force on Labour in Government. But now that the party is attacking Labour from the Left, it cannot for much longer be seen as the less radical option. And now that Tony Blair is running an extremely moderate administration, there seems no need for the Lib Dems to

act as a restraining force upon him. If anything, the "centre" party is urging him to throw off restraint. The Lib Dems want Labour to raise taxes and to spend more on the public services. The party that used to be proud of backing policies that were unpopular but right is now criticising

Labour for replacing student grants with loans — the first hard policy decision that Mr Blair has had to take. Far from moderating the Government, the Lib Dems see themselves as the "conscience" of the Labour Party, a sort of corporate Tony Benn.

As the centre ground has been occupied by Labour, it is understandable why the Liberal Democrats have lurched to the Left to remain distinctive. But it is harder to see how this will win votes. Will working-class northerners, dismayed by Mr Blair's lack of socialism, really embrace Paddy Ashdown instead? This is unlikely, not only because of the tribal nature of left-wing politics, but also because the Lib Dems' views are already represented in the Labour Party, It is just that, with the discipline now exerted on dissident Labour MPs, they are rarely heard in public.

Moreover, many of the differences between the two parties may have been narrowed by the time of the next election. After two years of spending restraint, Gordon Brown is likely to put more money into education and health, and may be able to do so without raising taxes. Jack Straw may turn out to be less cavalier with civil liberties than the Liberal Democrats fear. On the environment, ministers could adopt a greener agenda; and on Europe, they could call a referendum on the single currency. What then would divide the two parties?

Electoral reform is still a sticking point (although advocates of proportional representation are sprinkled throughout the Government). But there is every chance of a referendum on the subject before this Parliament is out. Winning that poll represents the best chance for the Liberal Democrats to retain an identity. Under the first-past-the-post system, which favours big parties and penalises the small, there may be little rationale for the Lib Dems'

PANGLOSS IN HONG KONG

World finance ministers can feel satisfied, but not complacent

Finance ministers and central bankers are paid to worry: about inflation, recession, unemployment, financial crises and disappointing growth. They could be forgiven, nevertheless, for the hint of self-satisfaction evident this weekend at the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund in Hong Kong. Most parts of the world economy are in better shape today than they have been at any time since the 1973 oil crisis. America, Britain, China, Latin America and central Europe are all enjoying robust growth, accompanied by moderate inflation and increasingly abundant jobs. There are serious difficulties in western Europe, Japan and South-East Asia, as well as in the perennial laggard regions of the world economy: Africa and the former Soviet states. But even these troubled countries show signs of hope, or at least of greater clarity about what needs to be done.

In Europe, by far the biggest of the underperforming regions, the single currency project is at last approaching its denouement. While the concept of tying together economies as diverse as Germany and Portugal in one monetary straitjacket remains as misconceived as ever, the worst of the short-term damage resulting from the EMU launch is probably now behind. The apparent willingness to accept Italy, Spain and Portugal as founder members of the single currency may store up serious trouble for the future. But, in the short term, the resolution of EMU uncertainties must be good news. If interest rates throughout Europe now converge towards the very low levels in Germany and France, as the IMF suggests, this should provide a powerful boost to economic activity in countries like Italy. Spain and Ireland. More importantly, the end of the single currency debate may help to concentrate the minds of European politicians on issues such as labour flexibility and financial deregulation, which have been overwhelmed by the EMU obsession. The outlook for South-East Asia may also

be less gloomy than a cursory reading of recent news and statistics suggests. While the wounded "tiger" economies are bound to need a period of convalescence after their recent devaluations and stockmarket crises, their prospects for long-run growth remain unimpaired. The crises could even benefit the region in the long run by forcing governments to reassess extravagant infrastructure projects and by exposing the political cronvism endemic in many of their financial practices. Significantly the other Asian leaders in Hong Kong went out of their way to dissociate themselves from the campaign run by Mahathir Mohamad, the Malaysian Prime Minister, to try to blame the region's troubles on the "immoral" forces of world capitalism and the West's "unscrupulous profiteers". In Russia, too, and in parts of Africa, politicians seem to be showing a better understanding of the way free markets operate and of the long-run benefits they can bring.

What, then, are the main clouds on the economic horizon? In the most successful economies - America and Britain - growth seems to be approaching its non-inflationary limits (although it has not yet reached them), while financial markets are booming. In Japan, by contrast, the economy is slipping back into its six-year long depression while shares still stand at less than half their value at the 1989 peak. In Europe, there is the everpresent danger that inflexibility and regulation will turn the single currency experiment into a disaster. The view from Hong Kong may look rosy but, thinking ahead to the next IMF annual meeting, there should be plenty for finance ministers to worry about.

AQUATIC MELODRAMA

In the Amazon careless oars catch worse things than a crab

The Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race up the Amazon was bound to be a piece of theatre of the old Empire. It was billed to be as exotic as The Flying Dutchman sung in the Manaus Opera House. But for both Oxford and Cambridge to sink set a world record for aquatic melodrama. As we report today, waves created by the flotilla of following spectators swamped both British eights, and the race was won by the Amazonian crew.

The Amazon is the largest and wildest river of the imagination. Beside it, the Thames is a trickle. The careless oar can catch worse things than a crab in the Amazon. The cox of the winning crew might well have objected to being thrown in after the race, even though it has to be admitted. that the Thames contains urban perils quite as noxious as piranhas and mosquitos. Even on the Thames. Oxford and Cambridge have each sunk three times, though never before in the same race. And in 1984 the Cambridge cox steered flat out into a moored barge under Putney Bridge, thus wrecking the boat and causing the race to be rowed on a Sunday for the first time. At least up the Amazon course there are no bridges or bends for the strategists to worry about.

But in spite of yesterday's fiasco, the Boat Race still demonstrated the qualities that have made it Britain's strangest tribal ritual. This most popular sporting contest goes back to the age when half the rainbowcoloured world was ruled by Blues. Its result is usually clear long before the finish, but seldom so long before as vesterday. When they rowed it on the Nile, the race was won by a short head by a dead camel. Boatmen on the Amazon look where they are going, rather than rowing blindly backwards on a craft flimsier than a canoe. And they prefer to row downstream rather than on the flowing tide. But the huge crowd yesterday caught the

magic of a remarkable event. Far less than one per cent of the United Kingdom has attended Oxford or Cambridge as undergraduates. And of those only one in ten has pulled an oar for pleasure. But the old race on the Thames tideway attracts national and international partisanship in its annual

river party. So the Boat Race up the Amazon has spread the British invention of play taken in deadly earnest. And it has given a good example of stiff upper lips in the soup and congratulations when the home side wins. Up the Amazon at Manaus not many spectators can yet have had a personal affiliation with light or dark blue. But most of them will have understood the hard work involved. Rowing the Boat Race is equivalent to lifting 56lb from feet to neck 34 times a minute - for 20 minutes or until the boat

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Party responds to Clark's concerns

From Mr Michael Trend, MP. Deputy Chairman of the Conservative Party

Sir, Alan Clark's letter (September 20) about the ballot of the Conservative Party's membership suggests that the linking together of endorsement for William Hague and for his principles of reform is like asking voters to sign a blank cheque. This is wrong in two

important respects.

First, William Hague has made it clear that his leadership is indivisible from the principles on which he believes the party must reform. He has explicitly told the party as a whole to "back me, or sack me". William Hague does not believe he can modernise the party unless he has a mandate to take forward reforms based on the principles he has proposed.

Second, the principles are not confined merely to six words: unity, democracy, decentralisation, involvement, integrity and openness. In a series of speeches that the party leader is currently making to members around the country, and in the leaflet which was enclosed with every ballot paper, he is adding greater breadth to his ideas. For example, he has said that we will no longer accept foreign money and will publish the names of major donors.

But it would be wrong to go further than this at the moment. As Lord Parkinson, the party chairman, has recently made clear in a letter to all party associations, we are only at the very start of reform. This ballot is the first of many stages in the process; what is being sought now is the party's consent to move forward to the next stage. There will be substantial opportunity for debate at the party conference next month, followed by the widest consultation throughout the party. Then, and only then, when all the many issues have been gone over in detail, will decisions be made - and by the party as a whole.

Conservatives have no need, as has Labour, to obscure traditional principles. We have a clear, consistent and enduring set of beliefs. What we cannot ignore, however, is that we have lost the ability to express our beliefs in a persuasive way to the voters. We must once again connect more directly with the British people and free ourselves from the perception that we

have become remote and out of touch. We Conservatives owe it to the country to be a strong, well-organised opposition, ready to redress the damage which will surely come from a Labour Government in the years ahead. To prepare ourselves for serving the nation in office, and offering it clear leadership, we must first put our own house in order.

The order of the day is: change or oblivion. William Hague has a clear and consistent vision for change. The party must grasp it and work through the details, or face the inevitable. consequences.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL TREND, Conservative Central Office, 32 Smith Square, SWI. September 20.

From Mr Norman Lamont

Sir, No one can surely doubt that the organisation of the Conservative Party, so pitifully exposed in the general election, needs renewal and reshaping. Our campaigning techniques need to be improved and our membership vastly increased.

William Hague has rightly made this a top priority. But he recognises that organisation is a means, not an end in itself. It is the means of communicating to the country the traditional Conservative values which Alan Clark rightly says we need to redis-

But Alan Clark's fears are misplaced. The vote of party members on the principles of reform is only the beginning of a process, not the conclusion of it. The remarkable thing is that a vote of all members is happening. Of course we must not ape Labour or become a centralised party. But there is plenty of scope for further consultation on these matters, as I know the leadership intends.

In view of recent criticism of William Hague perhaps I could add that he was my PPS during three difficult years [1990-93]. I always told friends then that one day he would become leader of the Conservative Party. It happened much sooner than I expected. But the country, the Conservative Party and Mr Blair will soon discover. as I did, his formidable qualities.

Yours sincerely, NORMAN LAMONT, 14 Kensington Park Road, WII. September 20.

New Cornish horror

From Mrs Catharine Boyd Brent

Sir, Until I read your report and leading article of September 11, I was not aware of the existence of the rogue fox reputedly biting the tourists and locals in Mousehole, near Penzance. However. I suggest that its presence can do nothing but good for the Cornish tourist industry.

We already have the Beast of Exmoor and the Bodmin Moor big cat both great attractions for the "grockles" in search of thrills as well as pasties. A warm welcome for the "foxy smiler" of Mousehole!

Yours faithfully, CATHARINE BOYD BRENT. Church Water Cottage, Ashreigney, Chulmleigh, North Devon.

Injustice of public-sector pay freeze

From Dr Alan B. Shrank

Sir. Each time public-sector pay is depressed for political reasons, the eventual catching-up with private-secfor pay becomes an increasing embarrassment ("Doctors call for a 10 per cent rise in their salaries", report, September 17). Mrs Thatcher refused to sanction appropriate salary rises for MPs and Cabinet members, hoping to set an example to public-sector workers. Tony Blair is emulating her - but one day the bill must be paid.

The more serious aspect of reducing the recommendations of the review bodies for public servants is the failure to attract adequately motivated and qualified staff. The exodus of newly qualified nurses from the NHS (now a 40 per cent loss), the early retirement of senior teachers as soon as they can draw an adequate pension, the failure both to recruit UK doctors at all levels and to retain senior doctors in either general or hospital practice - all are a direct consequence of devaluing these occupations.

As staffing levels decline the workload on those remaining rises, and the ability to attract suitable staff declines still further. There must be a point of no return, and this can only mean the public will have to turn to private facilities to obtain the quality of service they expect. It is absurd to promise high-quality teaching and medical care without properly rewarding

those who are to provide it. To expect teachers, doctors and nurses to forgo warranted salary rises in order to fund services is no longer a sacrifice most are prepared to bear. They will avoid the moral blackmail

Yours sincerely, ALAN B. SHRANK (Vice-President, Hospital Consultants and Specialists Association), 20 Crescent Place, Town Walls, Shrewsbury.

From Dr T. R. G. Howard

Sir, Amidst the appeals for workers of all types to accept pay rises in line with inflation, I wish someone would spare a thought for those public-sector workers who are forced by circum-

stances to take a pay cut.

Like all general practitioners, I am self-employed. I am trapped between escalating costs, rising demand and pegged pay from a monopoly pur-chaser. Either I pay my staff the going rate, and bear the cost myself, or I restrict the service I supply.

This year, my partners and I have chosen the former course, and are facing a 12 per cent pay cut as a conse-quence. Remember that when you next need your family doctor.

T. R. G. HOWARD, Woodside Farm, Brickyard Lane, Corfe Mullen, Wimborne, Dorset. September 17.

Musical neighbours

From Ms Judith Hendershott

Sir, Contrary to your front page report ("Hendrix joins Handel with pop's first blue plaque", September 15), the Handel House Trust is delighted that the Jimi Hendrix plaque at number 23 Brook Street, in central London, has joined that of his neighbour George Frideric Handel.

By a quirk of fate two world-famous musicians - both of them foreignborn - lived in adjacent buildings in London, 200 years apart. The trust, which is establishing a Handel museum in 23 and 25 Brook Street, wishes also to commemorate Jimi Hendrix.

Certain parallels can be drawn between the two composer-musicians: both Handel and Hendrix experi-mented with instrumental effects and pursued maximum sound volume for its emotional effects upon their audiences. Handel was commissioned to accompany outdoor public events such as the Royal Fireworks; Hendrix played at Monterey and the Isle of Wight. Hendrix spoke of his interest in classical music, including that of

Bach and Handel. The trustees are involved in plans to recreate the principal room in the flat where Hendrix lived from 1968-69. which the public will be able to view, working closely with Kathy Etching-ham, who shared the flat with Hendrix. The arrival of the Hendrix plaque should help draw attention to the current state of the buildings and to the urgency of restoring them.

Yours sincerely, JUDITH HENDERSHOTT, JH Arts Management, 4 Rennett Park. Blackheath, SE3. September 16.

In faith we trust

From the Reverend Julian Barker

Sir, The credulity of our modern world (letter, September 16) was suc-cinctly described by Geoffrey Elton in his inaugural lecture as Professor of English Constitutional History at Cambridge in 1968.

This is not a day of sceptics, this is not a day of unbelievers. We are living in one of the ages of faith, and that the faith is not attached to institutionalised religion does not disprove the point that I have just made. On the contrary: it renders the faiths more varied, more easy ... Everything is a matter of laith, nothing is a matter of reason ... The world is littered with prophets and gurus.

Yours faithfully JULIAN BARKER, Repton Vicarage, Repton, Derby. September 16.

Making a meal of it

From Mr Christopher Moseley

Sir, The Central Intelligence Agency's recipe book (report and leading article, September 19) reminds me of an occasion in 1991 when, with my wife and a friend, I visited a restaurant in Rhinebeck, north of New York City.

Before booking a table, we asked what type of cuisine the restaurant served and were met with the alarming reply: "Sir, all our chefs are CIA We found later that the head-

quarters of the Culinary Institute of America were only half a mile away. The meal was superb. Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER MOSELEY, Cobblers Cottage, Roxeth Hill, Harrow, Middlesex. September 19.

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not by striking but by voting with their feet.

Yours faithfully

From Mr John Dearing

Sir, I am very pleased that Jimi Hendrix has been honoured with a blue plaque, for not only was he an extraordinary musician, he was also a man of honour.

Towards the turn of 1966 my flat-mate, as social secretary of the University of York, booked a virtually unknown band called the Jimi Hendrix Experience to perform for one hour at a St Valentine's day dance the follow-

ing February. By the time the date drew near, Hendrix had a single in the dizzy heights of the record charts, and we began to get nervous as to whether he would fulfil the engagement. The booking had been made at £200 per hour and reports suggested that he

was by this time commanding £800. Not only did Hendrix fulfil his contract, he actually performed for one hour and fifteen minutes.

Unfortunately, from my point of view, he insisted on having a "human chain" in front of the stage to prevent the fans mobbing him, and I was positioned in the full blast of one of the

Yours faithfully, J. B. DEARING, 27 Sherman Road, Reading, Berkshire. jdear8946@aol.com September 15.

From the Reverend Julian Sullivan Sir, A blue plaque for Jimi Hendrix?

Purple surely. Yours faithfully JULIAN SULLIVAN, St Mary's Vicarage, 42 Charlotte Rd, Sheffield, South Yorkshire.

juliansullivan l@compuserve.com September 16.

The personal touch

From Mr John Macdonald

Sir, While sympathising with Mr T. Mannion's quest for "the personal touch" (letter, September 15), may 1 make a plea that he look somewhere else other than a bank to discuss his personal problems.

My brief visits to my bank are already regularly delayed by customers in front of me discussing everything from the weather to the merits of England's back four.

I need no encouragement whatsoever to use "hole-in-the-wall" ma-

Yours faithfully, JOHN MACDONALD, 2 Winterfold Close. Southfields, SW19. September 15.

Staff college cost

From Mr D. M. Leigh Sir, Admiral Sir Jan McGeoch (letter,

September 9) is half right in his espousal of the Greenwich option for the new services staff college. The development of a new greenfield site at a cost of £500 million has all the hallmarks of the MoD mismanaging vet another capital project.

The nation, directly or indirectly. will maintain nationally important historical sites. A practical solution to the dilemma could take account of the Woolwich Arsenal. A dual site would meet all the accommodation needs of 280 students. Woolwich as currently employed is an expensive anachronism which cannot last.

The two sites, combined to form a new joint staff college, would be maintained in their historical roles and would demonstrate "jointery". Kept in an appropriate manner, this would cost far less to re-engineer than the costly and environmentally damaging greenfield site at Swindon.

Yours faithfully, D. M. LEIGH, c/o Royal Over-Seas League. Over-Seas House, Park Place, St James's Street, SWI.

Factors at play in bishops' selection

From the Reverend David Dale

Sir, I suspect that the news that the Prime Minister has turned down the names put forward by the Crown Appointments Commission for the new bishop for the diocese of Liverpool (letters, September 16 and 18) will be greeted with relief by most clergy and

The appointment of politically correct liberals of all parties to the bench under the primacy of Dr Runcie and Dr Carey has seen a collapse in vocations, a startling loss in average Sunday attendances and a financial collapse. The simution is critical and anyone with half an eye would realise that this is the judgment of God on the Church of England.

DAVID DALĖ, All Saints' Vicarage. Ryde. Isle of Wight.

From Dr the Reverend Presbyter Robert Chaiterji de Massey

Sir, The Reverend Prebendary Patrick Dearnley (letter, September 18) says that congregations thoughout the diocese of Liverpool have been praying for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the appointment of a new bishop. Undoubtedly they have, and rightly so: but what leads him to suppose that the Prime Minister, a dedicated Christian, may not also have been on his knees and that he too has the ear of the Holy Spirit?

Yours faithfully, ROBERT de MASSEY, Clare House, Witchford, Ely, Cambridgeshire.

From the Bishop of Richborough

Sir, Small wonder that the friends of the Crown Appointments Commission's Secretary welcome a new bishop appointed under the present system (letter, September 18). It is the ones who are not his friends who concern me - a great deal of the time.

Yours etc. **TEDWIN RICHBORO:.** 14 Hall Place Gardens. St Albans, Hertfordshire.

From Miss Linda Craft

Sir, I read your leader of September 16, "Blair and the bishops", with amusement. It is reassuring to know that The Jupiter is still thriving.

LINDA CRAFT. 34 Kelvin Close, Cambridge.

Church decline

From Mr Daniel Gallimore

Sir, Damian Thompson's article (September 13) suggests that, as we approach a new millennium, spirituality isn't in decline, only the churches.

Even more than its evangelistic role, I believe the primary rationale of the Church of England is the nourishment of its numbers, from whom it derives a large part of its income. The image of the Church as staid is itself old-fashioned when, as your "At your service" column (Weekend) has amply illustrated, it is now a broader church.

than ever before. The decline in membership has more to do with the seed failing on barren ground and among thorns than any failure on the part of the Church, whose future lies securely in the hands of God.

Yours faithfully, DANIEL GALLIMORE, Fern Cottage, Stewkley, Nr Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire. September 13.

Speaking for all

From Mr Frank Sutton

Sir. The allegation (report and leading article, September 15) that Mr Blair made political capital out of the tracic death of the Princess may or may not be true. What is a deplorable fact is that he chose, or agreed, to read the lesson in the funeral service - a task which should surely have fallen to the Speaker as the representative of all the parties in the House of Commons.

Yours faithfully, FRANK SUTTON, Knypersiey, 126 Barnett Wood Lane. Ashtead, Surrey. September 15.

Role reversal

From Mrs Ingrid Cranfield

Sir, Figures in British life have often complained of a propensity to be compartmentalised. A surgeon may not also be an artist, for example. Suddenly, in the last few weeks, we see that this is no longer true.

We have observed the Prime Minister giving social counsel to the Queen, the Archbishop of Canterbury giving political support and solace to the trade unions and Elton John giving spiritual advice to the nation. What next? Will Linford Christie devise a

I rather like a country in which everybody can be someone else for a

new dress code for clerics?

Yours faithfully, INGRID CRANFIELD. 16 Myddelton Gardens. Winchmore Hill, N21.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE September 20: The Princess Royal. Pairon, BT Global Challenge accompanied by Captain Timothy Laurence RN, this evening at tended the Prize Giving Ceremon at the Grosvenor House Hotel. Park Lane, London, WI. BALMORAL CASTLE

September 21: Divine Service was held in Crathie Parish Church this

thorning. The Reverend David Kellas preached the Sermon The Queen was represented by The Prince of Wales at the annual Battle of Britain Service of Thanksgiving and Rededication which was held in Westminster Abbes this murning.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE September 21: The Duke of York, start of the 1997-98 Whitbread Round the World Race at the Royal Yacht Squadnin, Cowes, and was received by Her Majesty's Governor and Lord-Lieutenant of the Isle of Wight (Mr Christopher

Royal engagement

The Duke of York, as pairing Royal Navy Golf Association, will visit the 1997 Inter Service Golf Championships at the Formby gold

Service dinner 977 Squad, Royal Marines

Major Alastair J Donald, RM (Reid), Chairman, Council of the Royal Marines Historical Society. was the quest of honour at a dinner proceedings the 50th anniversary of the formation of the 477 Squad. Royal Marines, held last night at the Royal Marines Museum, Southsea, Colonel Richard C. Sidwell, RM (Reid) presided.

Marketors' Company

The lollowing have been elected officers of the Marketors' Company for the ensuing year:

Blackbirds are singing a soft,

crooning subsong in the heart

of thick bushes: this is proba-

bly due to a fleeting return of

the spring sexual urges. Some

young males may be learning

be seen include house martins

and chiffchaffs: the chiffchaffs

raid spiders' webs on railings

for struggling insects. Cormo-

rants are coming inland from

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dead tree will be full of them,

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turning their

heads completely

upside down and

rubbing the back

of their long necks

on their shoul-

Birthdays today

Dr Dannie Abse, poet, 74: Mr John Caird, theatre director and writer, 49; Sir George Cartland, former Vice-Chancellor. University of Tasmania. 85; Miss Maria Charles, actress. 68; Dr David Drewry. director, Science and Technology. Natural Environment Research Council, 50; Mr William Franklyn, actor, 71: Miss Gina Fratini, fashion designer, 66; Mr Colin Graham, opera director, 66; the Earl of Guilford, 64; Professor Sir Frederick Holliday, chair-man, Northumbrian Water Group, 02; Mr Graham Jones. Headmaster, Repton School, 53: Miss Deborah Lavin, former president, Howlands Trust, and co-director, Research Institute for the Study of Change, Durham University, 58; Mr Mark Loveday, senior partner, Cazenove, 54: Professor Norbert Lynton, art historian, 70; Sir Charles Mander, 70; Sir Nigel Mobbs. Lord-Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire. 60; Lord Moran. 73; Captain Mark Phillips, equestrian trainer, 49; Mrs Mary Reveley, racehorse trainer, 57; Lord Saye and Sele, 77: Mr John Tomlinson, operation bass, 51: Mr Alan Waterworth, Lord-Lieutenant of Merseyside, 66; Mrs Fay Weldon, writer, 66; Sir John Wickerson, former president, Law Society, 60; Viscount Younger of Leckie, KT, 66.

Memorial meetings

Dame Beryl Paston Brown Parties Beryl Pusson Brown
A memorial meeting for Dume Beryl
Paston Brown, educationist, was held
on Saturday at Homerton College,
Cambridge, Dr. David Male read
from Line Gidding by T.S. Eliot.
Dr. Kate Pretty, principal, Mr. Ray
Dulton, Mrs. Veronica Clark, Dr.
Cander Beilde and De bewee Sliver. Charles Bailey and Dr Joyce Skinner

Sir David Hopkin

A celebration of the life of Sir David Hopkin, former Chief Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate, was held on Saturday at Grays Inn. Ms Barbara Hopkin gave a reading. Mr Francis Shaw, Ms Penny Hopkin, Mr Pener Stephens. Mr Adrian Whitesen, Mr Bobby Winnon and Ms Paula Jackson were among those paving tribute.

nox this year. Many horse

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Anne of Cleves, fourth wife of King Henry VIII. Cleves, Germany, 1815: Philip Dormer Stan-hope, 4th Earl of Chesterfield, states-man and writer. London, 1694: John Emery, actor and painter. Sunder-land. 1777: Theredore Hook, novelist. London, 1789; Michael Faraday, chemist, London, 1791; Dame Christabel Pankhurst, sullragene, Manchester, 1880; Sir George Stapledon, pioneer of grassland ed-ence. Northom. Dovon, 1882: Erich von Stroheim, actor and film director. Vienna, 1885: Paul Muni, actor, L'vov, Ukraine, 1895. and holding their wings open to dry. Trees are changing colour with the autumn equi-

Sir Robert Walpole became the first Prime Minister to occupy 10 Downing Street, 1738.

The French Republic was pro-

Commercial television began in Britain; the first advertisement was

The Solidarity independent labour movement was born in Poland and Lash Walesa was elected leader, 1980.

for Gibbs SR touthpaste, 1955.

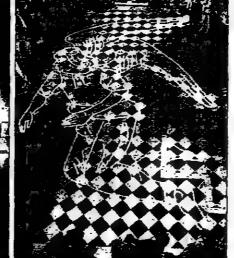
claimed, 1792

DEATHS: Johann Agricolo, Luth-cran reformer, Berlin, 1566; Thomas Morton, bishop, Northampton, 1659; John Biddle, Unitarian, London, 1662: Gerbrand van den Eeckhout, painter, Amsterdam, 1674; Nathan Hale, American revolution patriot, hanged, 1776; Ivan Vazov, poet, Suffa, 1921; Sir Charles Santley, barttone, London, 1922: Frederick Soddy, chemist, Nobel Jaureats 1921, Brichchestnut leaves are green with a yellow border. Butteryyellow leaves are scattered under the black poplar trees. On wild roses, the fruit is bright red while chemist, Nobel laureate 1921, Brighton, 1954; Oliver St John Gogarry, surgeon and writer, New York, 1957; Irving Berlin, song writer, Monhanton 1980. the leaves are turning yellow.

ple flowerheads ders. Summer visitors still to on the sweet-smelling water mint, while on great hairy willow-herb the pink flowers are withering and giving way to thin, curling secupods. Southern hawker dragonflies are out and about: they have green and blue bodies and

large gauzey wings. DJM





Children lighting some of the 3,000 candles to complete a twilight image of an angel, right, in St Giles' church in the Barbican. London, at the weekend. The work, by Dobrev, a Bulgarian artist, was part of a weekend entitled "City Alive" when various cultural events were held and 400 buildings, many not normally open to the public, threw open their doors free of charge to allow visitors to enjoy their architecture

Battle of Britain service

The Cheen was represented by the Prince of Wales at the Bartle of Britain service of thanksgiving and rededication held yesterday in Westminster Abbey. The Dean of Westminster officiated, assisted by the Rev Barry Fenton, Precentor, Lady (Andrew) Humphrey read a prayer. Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Johns, Chief of

the Air Staff, and Flight Lieutenant M.J. Thurnton, 43 (F) Squadron RAF Leuchure, read the lessons. The Ven P.R. Turner, Chaplain-in-

Chief RAF, gave an address.

During the service the medals of Air Chief Marshal Livid Dowding were borne to the altar by Flight Lieutenant D. Lewis from RAF Coningsby and Flight Lieutenant A.G. Gordon from RAF Leuchars. The Battle of Britain Ensign Bearer was

Flight Lieutenant D.A. Mather, escorted by Flight Lieutenant S.W. Ball and Flight Lieuten ant M.D. Lawrence, and the Roll of Honour was borne by Flight Lieutenant S. Tuckfield escorted by Air Commodore P.M. Brothers, Group Captain W.D. David, Wing Commander A.G. Page, Wing Comander T.F. Neil, Squad-ron Leader A.H.D. Pond and Flight Lieutenant G. Stevens. HM Government

Armed Forces, HM Opposition was represented by Mr Robert Key, MP, and the Ulster Unionist Party by Mr David Trimble, MP. The Unionist Party by Mr David Trimble, MP. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster attended. Among others present were: Members of the Diplomatic Corps, Lord Dowding, Odene Lady Dowding, Lord and Lady Levene of Portsomen, Marshal of the RAF Lord and Lady Craig of Radiev. Lady Johns, General Sir Charles Guithrie (Chief of the Defence Staff) and Lady Guithrie, Professor Sir David Davies, FRS (Chief Scientific Adviser) and Lady Davies, Vice Admiral Sir Robert Waimstey (Chief of Defence Procurement) and Lady Waimstey, Air Chief Marshal Sir John Allison (Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Headquarters Strike Command) and Lady Affison with Air Marshal GA Robertson (Chief of Staff) and Mrs Robertson, Air Chief Marshal Sir John Cheshire (Commander-in-Chief, AFMORTHWEST) and Lady Cheshire, Air Chief Marshal Sir David Couslins, Air Marshal C.G. Terry IAIr Member for Logistics) and Mrs Terry, Air Vice-Marshal F.C. Norriss (Controller Aircrait) and Mrs Norriss, Air Vice-Marshal T. Jenner (Assistant Chief of the Air Staff) and Mrs Jenner, the Chairman and Secretary of the VC and GC Association.

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Marshal of the RAF Sir Denis and Lady Spotswood, Marshal of the RAF Sir Michael and Lady Beetham, Marshal of the RAF Sir Kelth and Lady Williamson. Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael and Lady Grawdon. Air Chief Marshal Sir Thomas and Lady Prickeri. Air Chief Marshal Sir Netil and Lady Wheeler, Air Chief Marshal Sir Devid and Lady Wheeler, Air Chief Marshal Sir Devid and

Lady Evans, Air Chief Marshal Sir Patrick, and Lady Hine, Air Chief Marshal Sir David and Lady Parry-Evans. Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael and Lady Alcock, Air Chief Marshal Sir Andrew and Lady Wilson. Air Chief Marshal Sir Andrew and Lady Wilson. Air Chief Marshal Sir Andrew and Lady Stear. Air Chief Marshal Sir Christopher Fooley-Norris (chairman, Baule of Britain Fighter Association) and Lady Fooley-Norris. Air Chief Marshal Sir Roger Pailin 'controller, RAF Benevolent Fundt and Lady Palin. Air Chief Marshal Sir John Barracleugh, Air Marshal Sir Kenneth Havr. Air Marshal Sir Feter and Lady Squire. Lady (Charles) Ness, Sir Richard and Lady Evans. Air Commandan: Dame Feticin Peake, Sir Donald and Lady Spiers. Sir John Bellioch, air Marshal Sir John Kemball (president, RAFA) and Lady Kemball, Lady Crowley-Milling.

Air Marshal and Mrs J.R. Day, Air Vice-Marshal

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Air Marshal and Mrs J.R. Das, Air Vice-Marshal B.H. Newton, Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs H. Bird-Wilson, Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs Malsner, Polish Air Forces Association) and Mrs Malsner, Air Vice-Marshal A.L. Roberts (chairman, Coastal Command Association), Major-General William S. Hinton & USA 3rd Air Force and Mrs Hinton, Mr Douglas Radcliffe (also repretenting the Chairman of the Aircrew Association), Mr J.B. Hughes (Secretary, Pathfinder Association) and Mrs Hoghes, Wing Commander N.P. W. Hancock (secretary, Battle of Britain, Flehter Association) and Mrs Hancock, Mrs Britain, Flehter Association and Mrs Hancock, Mrs Britain Flehter, Mr and Mrs Jomes Weltbeloved, Mrs P.R. Turner, Mr and Mrs John Weiston, Mr and Mrs Tomerson, Mr and Mrs John Weiston, Mr and Mrs Michael Marshall, Mr and Mrs Alan Curtis, Mr and Mrs John Ferrie, Mr and Mrs Spharey Dowse, other representatives of organisations having links with the Battle of Britain, and members of the public.

Piping: Northern Meeting

Seldom-heard tunes make for a refreshing change

banle or gathering tunes, though a few played them like laments. Donald MacBride played *The End*

of the Great Bridge to take second. Stuart Shedden took third prize with Lachlan MacNeil Campbell

of Kintarbert's Fancy. The Park

Piobaireachd (No 2), commemorating the 15th-century Bastle of Park, brought fourth prize to P/M

lan Macey. In lifth, John Angus Smith played The Battle of

There was a set list for the Silver

Medal: a miscellany of quite substantial tunes. The Silver Medal was won by Scott Drummond with MacDonald of Kin-

played also by Mary-Ann MacKinnon to take fourth place.

In second place, James McHattie played Tulloch Ard. Ian K. Mac-

Donald took third prize with The

Massacre of Glencoe. The Little

Spree, a particularly sad lament,

won fifth prize for Andrew

Lament

Auldearn (No 2).

BY ANGUS NICOL

FOR the listener it is refreshing when seldom-heard tunes are set for the piobaireachd competitions, though usually not many pipers offer them. Learning a new tune which you may not play again is

This year there were two such nunes in the Gold Medal list: The Menzies' Salute and The Young Laird of Dungation's Saiute Three competitors (out of 30) offered the first, and four the second. It was decided that competitors should not be given the same tune as they had played AUE

Duncan MacGillivray, who would have been asked to play The Menzies' Salute, arrived in Oban too late to compete. So that is the tune he was asked to play at Inverness. It is an unusual and rather complicated tune, but with it he won the Highland Society of London's Gold Medal. The set tunes for the Gold Medal were, with the exception of two,

Mathieson. There are also reol beag competitions on the first day of the

the day, the march competitions. A and B grade, each with almost 40 entrants, continued. The A-grade march was won by Smart Liddell, and the B-grade by Piper lan Finlayson, Ist Highlanders.

The first day ended with the march, strathspey and reel for former winners, Competitors submit six of each type of tune, and are asked to play two of each once through. This makes an excellent and varied concert. The winner was Alasdair Gillies.

was Adduste Gilles.

French Bighand Sodey of London's Gold Medicine Haghland MacGilleyres. 2 Dorsald MacBride: 3 Stuart Shedden. 4 P. M. Landscheit, S. John Angus Smith, Jasgre Andrew Wright, William MacDorsald (Benbectal), Ronald Morrison. (Benbecula), Ronald Morrison.

Sälver Medal: 1 Scott Drummond: 2 James Mehanie; 3 Jan K MacDonald; 4 Mary-Ann MacKinton: 5 Andrew Mainleson. Judgot: Captain Gavin. Stoddart, James Burnet. Finlay MacNell! Firling MacNell, March 1 Stuars Liddell: 2 William March 1 Stuars Liddell: 2 William March 1 Stuars Liddell: 2 William March 1 Stuars 1 John Patrick 4 Douglas Murray, Jaugess P. P. Ampus MacDonald, Dr Jack Taylor, P. M. David Aliken March B. P. Piter Lain Philayson 2 Mark Wermss: 3 Stuars Charelle: 4 Street Wermss: 3 Stuars Charelle: 4 Street Wermss: 3 Stuars Charelle: 4 Street Wermss: 3 Stuars Liddell: 4 Street March 1 Alachan Gillier: 2 Roderick MacLonald, Dr Jack Taylor, P. M. Ampus MacDonald, Dr Jack Taylor, P. M. Ampus MacDonald. Laintees: Malcolin MacRain, Alan Portes, P. M. Rossold Lawrees: Malcolin MacRain, Alan Portes, P. M. Rossold Lawrees:

Forthcoming | marriages

Mr D.J. Alexander and Miss A.J.M. Musker The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Bernard Alexander, of Oakley, Hampshire, and Alison, daughter of the late Mr John Musker and of Mrs Musker, of Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire. Mr S.C. Brotherton

and Miss S.L. Ayling The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Brotherton, of Chichester, Sussex, and Sharon, daughter of the late Mr Rex Ayling and of Mrs Caerys Ayling, of Gravesend, Kent.

Mr D. Crandon and Miss B.E. Rigby The engagement is announced between Dan, eldest son of Anthony Crandon and Libby Crandon, and Brigitte Elaine, only daughter of Peter and Heather Rigby.

Mr J.F.T. Pallister and Miss A.M. Barton The engagement is announced between Jim. elder son of Mr and

Mrs Timothy Pallister, of The Old Vicarage, Tunstead, Norfolk, and Mary, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Barton, of Haysden House, Haysden. Tonbridge, Kent. Mr T.E. Parsons and Miss K.V. Martin-Doyle

The engagement is announced between Torn, son of Alan and Anne Parsons, of Putney, London, and Katie, daughter of the late Kit Martin-Doyle and of Jane Martin-Doyle, of Leafield, Oxfordshire.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy & Royal Marines

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- Raleigh in rank of Cdre 31.2.98; D
G Snelson - MOD London in rank of
Cdre 27.1 98
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of Loc Li Col 24 4.98.
Commander: N A M Butler - MOD
London in rank of A/Capi 9.12.97: T
C Churchill - Divad 20.1.98; P W
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10.11.97: C A Johnstone-Burt MOD London in rank of A/Capi
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FONA 28.11.97: G J Thwaltes Neptune NT in rank of A/Capi
25.11.97.

Retirement Captain: R L Guy — 5.12.97.

Captain: P S Eaglestone — 5.12.97; P Higgins — 10.10.97; D A Humphrey — 5.12.97; G A Menning — 5.12.97.

Chaptain: D A Lacy — 3.12.97.

Royal Air Force Air Commodore P W Henderson MBE to be Director General of

Support Management Head-quarters Logistics Command in the rank of air vice-marshal, from October I, 1997, in succession to Air Vice-Marshal M van der

Wing Commander: S Abbott — MOD, 27 8.97; M. L. Ashwell — HOAFFSOUTH NAPLES, 1.9.97; J. Clark — HOATO UNBRIDGE, 1.9.97; D W Knowles — MOD, 1.9.97; C. J. Lawrence — RAP BENTLEY PRIORY, 1.9.97; G. M. Russell — AD EFA/ILS (RAP) ABW, 17.9.97; S. J. Chamberlain — HOLC WYTON, 21.9.97.

Mr Robert Kiln

A memorial service for Mr Robert Kiln will be held on Friday, September 26, at 11.45am in Bishopsgate, Landon EC2.

Marriages

Mr F.J. Longstreth Thompson and Lady Venetia Parker The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St. Andrew, Yelverton, Devon, of Mr Jonathan Thompson, elder son of Professor and Mrs F.M.L. Thompson of Wheathamostead Thompson, of Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire, to Lady Venetia Parker, only daughter of the Earl and Countess of Morley, of Pound House, Buckland Monaciscum, Devon. The Rev Graham M. Cotter officiated, assisted by the Very Rev Richard M.S. Eyre.

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Mr C.E.St L Malet and Miss R. Cane

The marriage took place on Saturday at St Andrews, Kirby Bedon, Norwich, of Mr Charles Malet, son of Sir Harry and Lady Malet, of Australia, to Miss Rachel Cane, daughter of Mr and Mrs T.P.S. Cane, of The Vale, Kirty Bedon, Canon Ivan Bailey Bedon, Canon Ivan

Mr J.C. Phillips
and Miss K.S.M. Buchanaa
The marriage took place on
Samrday at St Mary's, Cadogan
Street, of Mr Jeremy Charles
Phillips, elder son Mrs. Jane
thillips, of Warn Cambridge Phillips, of Wyton, Cambridge-shire, and of the late Mr Peter Phillips, to Miss Kate Sophie Mary Buchanan, only daughter of Vice-Admiral Sir Peter and Lady-Buchanan, of Midhurst, West Sussex. Father Hugh MacKenzie

A guard of honour was formed by Officers of the Metropolitan

Señor J. Pariodé and the Hon Louisa Hoyer Miller

The marriage took place on Friday, September 12, 1997, at All Saints' Church, Little Somborne. Hampshire, of Señor Jaime Parlade, son of Señor Francisco parlade and Senor Francisco
Parlade and Senora Mary Parlade,
of Banahavis, Spain, to the Hon
Louise Hoyer Millar, younger
daughter of Lord and Lady
Inchyra, of King's Somborne,
Hampshire, The Rev Michael
Norton officiated.

by her father, was attended by Eleanor Hoyer Millar and Alfredo Villanueva Brandt.

The marriage took place in Valbonne, France, on Saturday, September 20, between Mr Richard Blayney, younger son of Mr and Mrs Robert Blayney, of Walkford, Dorset, and Miss. Andrea Bakucz, daughter of Mr and Mrs Miklos Bakucz, of

The marriage took place on Saturday, September 20, at St Mary's Church, Pulborough, between Mr James Daly, son of Mr and Mrs Dermot Daly, and Miss Alexandra Wright, elder daughter of Mr John Wright and Mrs Tim Dickerson. The Rev Ronald Robinson and Dom Edward Corbould, OSB.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Phoebe Rolls, Harriet Cowcher, Lily Newman, George Rolls, Archie and Hector Judd. Mr Philip Fleming was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is

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BURTHS

BRIKETT - On September 2nd at St Paul's, Cheltonham, to Sarah (née Hicks) and Feter, a daughter, Kysa Viotoria, a gister for Toby. COMWAY - On September 17th

beautiful baby boy, GIBSON - To Abigail (née Clear) and Nicholas, on 11th Clear) and Micholas, on 11th September, a son, Sembel Edward, a brother for

GRANT - On September 18th 1997, to Eate (use Wood-Mallock) and Jonathan, a daughter, Jemina Beatrice. KARIS - On farther bor 12th at the Hospital of St John and St Elizabeth to Azmina (née Sajan) and Malik, a beautiful and very, special son, Shakil.

SCHRODER - On September 4ch at the Hospital of St John and St Elizabeth to Elies and Timothy, a daughter, Miranda Dorothy, a sister for Charlotte, Ben

MARRIAGES

Saturday September 13th in York, Neil, son of Paul and Gwen Rowntree of York, to Satah, daughter of Dom and the late Geoffrey Bunter of Eye, Suffolk.

DEATHS

Loved father of John and William and grandfather of Sophie and Christophor. Funeral at Putney Vale, Ipm, Thursday 25th September. Donations if desired to Barnardo's c/o TH Sanders & Barnardo's c/o T E Sanders & Son F/D: 0181 789 6865. GREAVER - Helen, Suddenly on 18th September 2ged 84. Much loved widow of Geoffroy and survived by 3 sons and 7 grandchildren. Funeral 11am Thursday 25th September at St.

DEATHS

Nature notes

HARDISTY - Professor Roger Michael, died passefully on 18th September 1997, beloved husband of jyrte Bardisty, desniy loved father of jan and Sondra, father-in-law of janet and Jeremy and grandfather of Max, William, Timet, and law or junet and jerseny and grandfather of Mar, William, Timothy and josephine. Funeral Service at \$1 johns* Church, Hampstead on Thursday 25th September at 2pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, Dat donations for the North London Hostice of Levertm \$500-Hospice c/o Leveston & Sons, 181 Haverstock Hill, Hampstead RW3 4Q8, Tel: 0171 586 4221.

September 18th peacefully at Oketon Nursing Home aged 91. Decreet husband of Eather of Gooff and Annie. Funeral Tuesday 30th September 10:45am at 5t john's Church, Hampton Wick, followed by cremation at Kingston crematorium. Flowers to Frederick Payne, 102 High Street, Teddington.

MINDERSLEY - Christina Margaret (née Clawford) of Terra Cotta, Ostario, Canada, peacefully os September 16th in her 95th year. Beloved wife of the late Charles M. Kindensley and Loylou nechas of Loyne Dad Charles M. Kindensley and loving mother of Lynne Dole of Erin, Ontario and the inte Richard. Grandmother of Kethryn and Richard. Homoriel Service at All Saints Church, Erin, on Tuesday September 23rd.

peacefully at Militon Keynes General Respital on 16th September after a short Mary's Church Webarn Sands on Friday 26th September 2 per milio-de by harial at 5t Botolph's Church Aspley Guise. Flowers and enquiries to E.

Amily flowers only please.

MARSH - Geoffrey John (Friest) suddenly in Assission 11th September. Funeral Service at St Leonard's Church, Newland, Malvern, on Thursday 25th September at 11 am. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to the Beauchamp Community, Newland, Malvern, Worcestershire.

MAISHER Mary (nee Coverley) aged 74 suddenly in hospital on September 18th 1997. Dearly beloved wife of AVM Alec Maisney. Much loved mother of Ricolm, saken and John, a devoted grandmother of Ricolm, Saken and Joanna Putteral Service on Thursday 25th September at 11.30cm at the Parish Church of September at 12.0cm, Family Edward only, domations if desired to ENID c/a Tomailn & Son, 38 Reading Roed, Henley-on-Thames, Onco., Tak 01491

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Mr J.P.K. Daly and Miss A:M, Wright

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being sent abroad.

and Mrs C.W. Diggle The marriage took place on Saturday, September 20, at St

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DOUGLAS BENNETT

OBITUARIES

Dr Douglas Bennett, psychiatrist, died on August 31, aged 79. He was born on August 4, 1918.

DOUGLAS BENNETT was the last of a generation of British social psychiatrists whose work began to empty the mental hospitals after the Second World War. He showed that community psychiatry could be combined with a respect for the individa pal patient and active plans for rehabilitation.

After qualifying as a doctor in 1940, and serving as a ship's surgeon in the Navy. Douglas Harley Bennett went to work at the Hammersmith Hospital. There he became aware of the importance of basing medical practice on the results of research.

After training in psychiatry under Maxwell Jones and T. P. Rees, he was appointed to his first consultant post at the Netherne Hospital, Couls-don. The graded industrial workshops there were at the mime the basic model for helping patients to adjust to life outside hospital But work on the nature of institutionalisation by John Wing, George Brown and others from the Medical Research Council had a profound effect on Bennett's later thinking.

By 1962, when he joined the Maudsley Hospital at Denmark Hill, it was clear that



times were changing, and that there would be increasing emphasis on community psy-chiatry. Bennet looked after the day hospital, the outpatients and the emergency clinic, and supervised junior doctors. He soon took on a case-load of his own.

He was responsible for several important changes. The nature of the day hospital changed radically, and a realindustrial workshop made its appearance. The Maudsley took on responsipility for a full catchment area, orking with the local authority, and ceased to confine itself to unusual cases and first episodes of illness.

Chronic patients were moved from the old mental hospitals to the Maudsley. and the first "ward in a house", or "hostel ward", soon followed. With John Wing's help, a new unit for local patients was opened.

Bennett was unusual in working in a constructive way with psychologists, on whom he relied for much of the theoretical thinking that underpinned his work with severely disabled patients. The book he wrote with Fraser Watts about psychiatric rehabilitation remains influential.

After his retirement in 1983. Bennett advised several foreign governments about improvements in their mental health services. At home, he was concerned by the shortage of money for care in the community programmes in inner cities.

Douglas Bennett had two daughters by his first marriage, as well as a son who died of cancer at the age of seven. A happy second marriage was ended by the death of his wife, also from cancer. He is survived by his third wife, Thelma, and his two daughters.

The Hon Mrs Margaret Joan

Price, of Frankton, Rugby.

Warwickshire, left estate valued at

Lady Gillet, of London SW7, left

Viscountess Camrose (the former

Princess Joan Aly Khanj, of London SWI, left estate valued at

Kathlyn, Lady Lacon, of Southwold, Suffolk, left estate val-

Sir Jocelyn Bodilly, former chair-

man of Industrial Tribunals for

London South 1976-86, of Newlyn,

Cornwall, left estate valued at

Lady Murray, of Leighton Buz-zard, Bedfordshire, left estate val-

Sir John Wordie, barrister, of

Breamore, Fordingbridge, Hamp-

shire, left estate valued at £408,197

estate valued at £125,000 net.

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Sir Harry Boyne, CBE, political correspondent of The Daily Telegraph. 1957-76, dled on September 18 aged 87. He was born on July 25, 1910.

always immaculately dressed and, when occasions such as a Royal Garden Party provided the apportunity, would proudly appear in the Commons lobby in a morning suit (on less high days he would generally favour a black jacket and striped pants). In the open air his headgear was normally a bowler hat, accompanied despite its associations with Neville Chamberlain - by a carefully rolled umbrella. A faint Scottish burr in his voice completed the picture of a figure of impeccable rectitude, a kind of Mr Hudson of below stairs life at the Palace of

Norfolk landowner and a founder of the National Front died on September 14 aged 78. He was born on December 7, 1918.

n one respect Andrew Fountaine is assured of his niche as a footnote in political history. At the general election of February 1950, while standing as a Conservanve at Chorley in Lancashire, he had his candidature expressly disowned by Central Office - the very course of action at the last election which John Major always insisted was impossible in the case of Neil Hamilton and the Tatton seat.

Andrew Fountaine,

Winston Churchill and Lord Woolton were, however, made of sterner stuff and saw no difficulty in officially repudiating a chosen Tory standardbearer. Although he did not have a rival candidate put up against him, the then 31-year-old Fountaine was denied the right to describe himself as the Conservative candidate and had to fight instead under the label of "Independent Conservative".

That did not stop him from nearly winning the seat collecting more than 22,000 votes and falling short by a margin of a mere 361 from capturing the constituency from Labour. It was, however, easily Fountaine's most successful electoral outing: in the three parliamentary elections he subsequently fought under the overt or covert colours of the National Front he never achieved more than 1,400 votes and forfeited his deposit on each occasion.

His troubles with the powers-that-be in the Conservative Party went back a long way. He made rabble-rousing speeches at the Conservative Party conferences of 1947 and 1948 — on the latter occasion describing Clement Attlee's postwar Labour Government as "a group of conscientious objectors, national traitors, semi-alien monerels and hermaphrodite Communists".

This proved altogether too

heady a brew even for Lord Woolton, and his selection by the local association at Chorley was never endorsed by the standing advisory committee at party headquarters. What would have happened had he succeeded in winning the seat remains a moot point but, as it was, he found

ANDREW FOUNTAINE

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Conservatives after his defeat and never stood as a Tory

Indeed, in 1959 he attracted a good deal of local opprobrium by intervening - technically as an Independent but in effect as a Nationalist - in a crucial by-election held in his own home seat of South-West Norfolk (where his vice-admiral father had been both chairman and president of the local Tory association). Although rather ambushed by his mother — the admiral's widow who announced at the outset of the contest that her son was "letting the nation down by opposing a Conservative" — he fought a vigorous campaign, while achieving only 785 votes (a figure that fortunately proved smaller than the Labour majority, so he could not be accused even by his mother of having deprived the Conservatives of a vital gain).

Andrew Douglas Algernon Maclean Fountaine came of a long-standing landowning Norfolk family, who had settled at Narford Hall, just north-west of the market town of Swaffham. After school at Stowe, he in 1935 followed his father, who had just retired. himself ditched by the local into the Royal Navy — only to its headquarters in Chorley. It Kenneth Baker into the Com- and a daughter.

be invalided out within months with rheumatic fever. He then went up to Cambridge, where he read Natural Sciences while all the time trying to get back into the Navy. He went, in all, before eight naval medical boards but to no avail.

Eventually, in desperation (and after war had been declared) he got a friend, who bore a strong physical resem-blance to him, to appear before a medical board in his place. The ruse worked and, to his delight. Fountaine found himself back in the Navy. Only some years later, when he was wounded in the Far East in the course of a kamikaze raid on his destroyer, was the impersonation discovered. He might well have been court-martialed but was allowed instead to retire as a commander with all his pension rights cancelled.

It was a typical example of Fountaine's idiosyncatic approach to obstacles set in his path - and he acted in character again when, after his forced parting from the Conservative Party, he immediately founded what he called at the time the National Front Movement, setting up proved to be a short-lived phenomenon - and it was 15 years before in 1967 Fountaine returned to the charge by taking a leading part in bringing various splinter rightwing, neo-Nazi organisations together under the new title of the National Front.

He was never its leader people like John Tyndail and John Kingsley Read had got there before him — but he was to a large degree the movement's moneybags. Militarystyle camps were held in the grounds of his ancestral home at Narford Hall - with the Home Office on one occasion refusing entry permission to assorted continental fascists who had come from abroad to attend. Fountaine himself, however, was not openly anti-Semitic and this was the cause of his rupture with A. K. Chesterton, the National Front's policy director, who briefly succeeded in getting him expelled (though the High

Court later reinstated him). In the three elections he fought between 1968 and and 1979 there was, though, an awful predictability about the message he sought to deliver. Already at Acton in 1968 -- the by-election that first brought

mons - he was talking of "coloured Bolshevism rolling up the last outposts of civilisation" and branding the constituency's non-white electors as "alien immigrants living one third off prostitution, one third off National Assistance and one third off Red gold". His reward was a faintly alarming 1.400 votes, or more than 5 per cent of the total poll.

After that, however, and especially with the arrival of Margaret Thatcher in the Tory leadership in 1975, it was downhill all the way for the National Front. Finally even Fountaine himself appears to have become disillusioned: although he fought Norwich South in the 1979 general election, attaining a mere 264 votes, he announced in the following year that the Front had "become antipathetic to everything I stand for". A keen environmentalist, he retired to his estate in Norfolk, where he took a great interest in the use of water resources and had planted by his death two and a quarter million trees. He served at different times on three separate tiers of local government in Norfolk. Andrew Fountaine leaves

his widow Rosemary, two sons

GEORGES GUETARY

Georges Guetary, French singer and variety artist. died in the South of France on September 13 aged 82. He was born in Egypt on February 8, 1915.

IN A career that spanned more than half a century and ranged from Parisian cabaret and operetta to Broadway musicals and a Hollywood hit film, Georges Guetary came to epitomise the figure of the exotic Latin lover, an appealing mixture of charm, energy, mystery and romance. Although he became one of

France's most popular entertainers, and won international renown as an archetypal French crooner, Guetary was of Greek origin; his given name was Lambros Woorlou. He was born in Alexandria, growing up there and in Cairo. A hard-working student with a passion for music and athletics, he was sent to France in 1934 to study commerce. There his uncle introduced him to the distinguished violinist Jacques Thibaud, who advised him to take up singing. He began his vocal training

with Ninon Vallin and studied harmony and piano with Thibaud and Alfred Cortot. before making his debut in 1937 with the Jo Bouillon orchestra. His big break came when he was spotted by the great chanteuse Mistinguen who, as she did with Maurice Chevalier and Jean Gabin, invited him to accompany her at the Casino de Paris. During the war, he worked

as a maitre d'hôtel in Toulouse and recorded his first album with the accordionist Fredo Gardoni in 1942, This was when he put down his French roots, reflected in his decision to name himself after the Basque town of Guethary. His career was beginning to take off. Honolulu, Je chante

a Mexico and other hits written by the king of French operetta, Francis Lopez, catered to the escapist fantasies of these austere times, while Robin des Bols took a discreet poke at the German occupying After the war, a run of

successful stage shows and recording hits in France was extended by appearances in Bless the Bride and Latin Quarter in London in 1947 and, in 1950, in Arms and the Girl on Broadway, where ter.

Guetary won a Tony award as best foreign performer.

In 1951 came his most memorable role when he starred alongside Gene Kelly in the Vincente Minnelli film An American in Paris. His part as the successful revue singer Henri Baurel - had originally been intended for Maurice Chevalier, who had apparently turned it down because the character failed to get the girl. Guetary made it his own,

Following the high point of his French career, the Lopez operetta La Route sleurie in 1952, Guétary continued to star in musicals throughout the 1950s and 1960s, confirm-ing his talent for the exotic and the romantic. Ever youthful, he greeted the arrival of the French vévé pop generation



with a humorous song called Georges, viens danser le rock n roll.

Known as "the eternal young man", he went on singing regularly on stage until his official farewell concert of October 5, 1987. Thereafter he gave gala performances at the rate of about 40 a year and made regular television appearances.

He retained to the end a large and devoted following. especially among elderly ladies. On January 17 last year he returned to the site of his earlier triumphs, the Bobino music theatre in Paris, for one last concert. It was a moment of collective nostalgia, with the star joining his fans in the stalls for a singalong of his greatest hits.

Guétary's final years were spent in his home at Cannes. He was married to the television director Jeanine Guyon: they had a son and a daugh-

SIR HARRY BOYNE

H. B. BOYNE - there was never any new-fangled nonsense with him about introducing a Christian name into a byline - was a lobby correspondent of the old school. He stood for the mahogany virtues and, not least by his carriage and bearing. symbolised them splendidly. Tall and imposing, he was

Westminster.

It was, in fact, to the old Upstairs, Downstairs world of Parliament that he belonged. When he arrived at the Commons 47 years ago, very few lobby correspondents, even on

national newspapers, were university graduates - many of them, indeed, had cut their teeth as sports reporters on local papers. They certainly knew their place so far as politicians were concerned. and Boyne was no exception. There was unmistakably something deferential in his chosen soft-spoken manner although he never shrank from quietly rebuking yoursger colleagues (even those on other papers) for what he took to be breaches of manners or

He was widely respected by politicians on both sides of the House. It was no accident that It was to him in June 1975 that Harold Wilson turned, when they were both present at a Commonwealth conference in Jamaica, to impart the information that he was about to move Tony Benn from his beleaguered position as Secretary of State for Industry (thus providing the Telegraph with a notable scoop). Nor was it a coincidence that the following January, in the New Year Honours List of 1976, he should have become one of two lobby journalists - the other was his friend Francis Boyd of The Guardian - to be given knighthoods by the Labour Prime Minister just three months before he himself

resigned. Henry Brian Boyne was by origin a Highlander, being

born in Inverness and attending both the High School and the Royal Academy there. A iournalist's son, he first in 1927, aged 17, joined the Inver-ness Courier, of which his father was deputy editor. Two years later he moved to the Dundee Courier and Advertiser, the D.C. Thomson flagship daily, with which he stayed until after the war. In 1939 he enlisted in the ranks of the Black Watch, eventually rising to become a major and being badly wounded in the Battle of Caen of 1944. His injuries left him with a slight limp that stayed with him for the rest of his life.

His war service, however, gave him confidence and when he returned to Dundee after being demobbed, it was at once to get into a row with his notably autocratic employers D. C. Thomson. This quaintly old-fashioned firm chose to impose a ban on union membership by any of its employees. Boyne regarded this diktat as an infringement on the freedoms for which he had been fighting during the war and refused to resign his membership of the National Union of Journalists. He was immediately sacked and was out of work for six months before being appointed Dundee correspondent of the Glasgow Herald, owned by the rival Scottish publishing house of George Outram. In



this new environment Boyne flourished and, having mean-while been promoted to be Edinburgh correspondent. was in 1950 sent to the London office to become the paper's political correspondent. In 1957 a vacancy arose for a new lobby man on The Daily

cumbent, Wilfred Sendall, having unaccountaby decided to go to work as Cross-Bencher on the Sunday Express. To the somewhat staid Telegraph - which in those days always used its own label of "Socialist" to describe Lab-

our MPs - Boyne must have seemed a safe pair of hands. If the paper's editor-in-chief amd proprietor, Michael Berry (later Lord Hartwell), knew of his early upholding of trade union rights. he must have put it down to the rashness and impetuosity of a young man who had since grown older and wiser. This proved to be an expensive mistake. When the Telegraph's own

journalists came out on strike in 1975, Boyne joined the picket line and personally handed Lord Hartwell a letter of remonstrance outlining the workforce's grievances. This brave, if eccentric, action was never forgiven by his proprietor. When Boyne retired a year later, he was given no farewell lunch and left (as was often the way with employees of the paternalistic Telegraph of those days) with nothing approaching adequate pension arrangements. That may well have helped

to explain why, at the age of 65, he almost immediately took a job as an usher at Marylebone County Court, where his entire demeanour fitted in admirably with the dignity of the prevailing legal ambience. He gave that position up in 1978 to work parttime in the Tory press office, succeeding Gordon Reece as Central Office's director of communications in 1980, a post he held until 1982. He was a member of the Police Complaints Commission from 1977 to 1980 and, before going to work full-time in Smith Square, was chairman of the Board of Visitors at Pentonville Prison. Boyne would never have

fitted comfortably into the contemporary world of political journalism. A reliable rather than a flashy performer, he was a throwback to a past when all lobby correspondents possessed excellent shorthand and saw it as their prime duty to get the decisions and views of politicians across to their readers. This commended them to the power structure they served — Boyne was appointed CBE seven years before he became a knight - but perhaps did rather less for a critical understanding of the political process on the part of the public outside.

A strong upholder of the sanctity and secrecy of the lobby system, Boyne always tended to bridle when younger colleagues sought to expose its abuses. A pillar of the ancien régime, he served as chairman of the Parliamentary Lobby Journalists, 1958-59, and chairman of the Press Gallery, 1961-62. In retirement he wrote an illustrated History of the Houses of Parliament (1982).

He married in 1935 Margaret Templeton of Dundee. She and a daughter survive him.

Latest wills

Lady (Elise) Cazalet, of Head-bourne, Worthy, Winchester, Hampshire, left estate valued at E840.193 net.

She left shares in her estate to Sussex Housing Association for the Aged, the NSPCC and Barriardos. Lady Bailey, of Worminghall, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, left estate valued at £454.529 net.

Sir Thomas Lodge, consultant radiologist United Sheffield Hospitals 1946-74, of Hove. East Sussex, left estate valued at £197,372

He left £1,000 to the Royal College of Lady Cooper. of Godmanchester. Cambridgeshire, left estate valued at £345,644 net.

Lady Coxen, of Torquay. Devon. left estate valued at \$42,000 net. Elinor, Viscountess Rochdale, of Lingholm, Portinscale, Keswick, Cumbria, left estate valued at

Sir John Watson Cameron, Presi-1908 132 net. Sigamar Bernd Dunn, of London dent J W Cameron and Co since SW|5, left estate valued at 1977, of Cowesby Hall. Thirsk. North Yorkshire, left estate valued £2.644,165 net.

Sir Frank Hartley. Vice-Chan-cellor. University of London 1976-78. of Easenhall. Warwickshire.

left estate valued at £218,708 net. Lady (Doris May) Lickley, of Walton on Thames, Surrey, left estate valued at £361,018 net. Jean Collison, of Stratford Tony.

Salisbury. Wiltshire, left estate valued at £3,639,507 net. She left £5,000 to the NSPCC and the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund. Iris Aubrey Emma Gregory, of Wimbledon, London SWI9, left

she left £10.000 to the RNIB Fletcher Sydney George Codling, of High Wycombe. Buckinghamleft estate valued at He left £500 to \$1 Mary's church. Radnage

estate valued at £3.523,857 net.

Kenneth David Robinson, of Edghaston, Birmingham, left cstate valued at £1,971,423 net. He left £250 each to the Benevolent Fund for the Institution of Civil Engineers and St Paurs church. Birmingham.

Lady (Stella Mary) Kirwan, of n SWII, left estate valued at E62,100 net.

Countess Olga Lea Csaky, of Blandford Forum, Dorset, left estate valued at £224,462 net. Douglas Percival Prestwich, of London NWo. left estate valued at £5,614,653 net Elsa Ernestine Phillips, Brighton,

East Sussex, left estate valued at

£1,587,593 net. Richard George Skinner, of Wellingborough, Northampton-shire, left estate valued at E1.340.002 net. He left C10,000 for the restoration of the Church of Saint Lawrence, Stanwick.

William Jobling Robinson, of High Kingthorpe. North Yorkshire, left estate valued at 52,308,466 net.

Denis Bewick, of Merriefield Hall. Darlington, Co. Durham, left estate valued at £827,451 net. Mildred Ann Oliver, of Altrincham, Cheshire, left estate valued at \$2,048,566 net. Fred Moseley, of Cobham, Surrey,

left estate valued at £1,258,586 net.

NEW ERA IN WEST GERMANY END OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT

From Our Own Correspondent BONN, Sept. 21 The last foundation-stone of the structure of

the new Republic was laid to-day, when the end and the Allied High Commission formally assumed office. This transition was signalized by a short and simple, but deeply significant, ceremony at the Hotel Petersberg, the seat of the Commission, standing high on a hill and commanding wide views of the Rhine valley.

Above the Petersberg flew the Tricolor, the Stars and Stripes, and the Union Jack: near the main entrance the black-red-gold flag of the republic was hoisted. A guard of honour was mounted by the military police of the three Powers, and when Dr. Adenauer, the Chancellor, arrived with a number of Ministers, he was ceremonially received with a salute . . .

Having introduced the Ministers, the Chancellor addressed the High Commissioners. With the Federal Parliament and Federal Government, he said, a new epoch in German history since the war had opened. They were still not wholly free, but they would do what they could to crate the conditions which would

ON THIS DAY

September 22, 1949

Conrad Adenauer (1876-1967) was the first Chancellor of the Federal Republic of West Germany, an office he held until 1963. During that period the country grew from a demoralised ruin to a prosperous land that played a leading role in the founding of the European Union

enable the occupying Powers to apply the statute in a liberal and generous manner. It was hoped that the Powers would avail themselves of their authority to revise the statute, and so hasten political development.

Dr. Adenauer said that the Federal Government would tackle first of all the great social problems. Not until they had succeeded in converting the flotsam millions of refugees into settled inhabitants would Germany enjoy internal stability. The problem of the uprooted people was international, and the Chancellor asked the High Commissioners to urge their Covernments to give closer attention to it. An opportunity for creating a viable European

federation was offered by the hope that the control of the Ruhr would cease to be a one-sided arrangement and would grow into an organism embracing the basic industries of other European countries. "If," the Chancellor ended, "we return to the sources of our European civilization, born of Christianity, then we shall succeed in restoring the unity of European life in all fields of endeavour."

Mr François Poncet, who replied on behalf

of the High Commissioners, spoke in terms of friendliest good will. Regretting that it was not possible to speak of Germany as a whole, he said: "Western Germany today possesses the instrument which should permit her to assume the direction of her own destiny." The statute would be revised all the more quickly and far-reachingly in proportion to the scrupulousness with which its provisions were observed. The High Commissioners hoped that the young German democracy, having become a factor for order and peace, would be able to take its place within the future organization of Europe. The High Commissioners signed the declaration of the entry into force of the Occupation Statute and the texts of six laws. One deals with the Press, wireless, information, and entertainment. It has been stiffened since the outcry about the reemergence of the Nazi newspapers.

THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

Fatherhood hope for cancer boys

The human fertility watchdog has authorised a treatment that could give boys who face cancer therapy that will render them sterile a chance of fathering children in later life.

The treatment will be used for the first time within a fortnight on a boy aged two who is suffering from a rare metabolic disorder that requires a bone marrow transplant and chemotherapy that will leave him sterile. Doctors hope the experimental procedure will bring hope to thousands of children who are surviving cancer, but face adulthood with no hope of having children of their own......

Lib Dems split by Labour links

Splits in the Liberal Democrat leadership over closer links with Labour threatened to overshadow the opening of the party's annual conference in Eastbourne Pages 1, 10

Railway failures

A catalogue of safety failures may have been partly to blame for the train crash in London on Friday which killed six people and injured 170 Pages I, 7

Upper classes

Bright pupils who go to independent schools are more likely to win places at top universities and secure well-paid jobs than children of similar ability educated at state schools Page 1

Labour worries

Excalibur, Labour's huge computer database, is to return to service amid growing concern among ministers over the effectiveness of Whitehall's public relations machine......Page 2

Courting death

When (an von Memerty met his future wife Vivienne in Johannesburg ten years ago, they found that they had a great deal in common. But some attributesPage 3 were deadly ..

Hague failure

William Hague's unprecedented attempt to secure the endorsement of grassroots members of the Conservative Party has backfiredPage 5

Safety check

The Health and Safety Executive is to fund the first major study into the health risks of medium density fibreboard amid fears

Top classics

Classic tunes popularised by football, weddings, and the tastes of Diana, Princess of Wales, have arrived among the upper reaches of Radio 2 listeners' classicalPage 8 favourites ...

Diana stamp

Earl Spencer, brother of Diana, Princess of Wales, was under increasing pressure to drop his veto forbidding the Royal Mail from issuing commemorative stamps of his sister ...

Church repents

French bishops will offer a formal "repentance" next week for the failure of the Roman Catholic Church to condemn the persecution of Jews during the Vichy

Campaign for girls

India's poorest couples are to receive £8. 58p a year for every newborn daughter to raise the status of girls and end murders of female children. . Page 13

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A new threat has emerged to the Middle East peace process - the declining health of Yassir Arafat, the 68-year-old Palestinian leader who has no obvious .Page 14

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Southern Africa is bracing itself for the worst El Niño-derived drought since 1982-83, when that it could be deadly......Page 9 record floods followed Page 15

Nelson's last port was finest

Admiral Lord Nelson's reputation for modesty and sobriety may be at risk after the discovery that six weeks before the battle of Trafalgar he spent more than half his annual salary on port. A receipt and letter found by a Norfolk antiques dealer confirm the order of 375 gallons of top quality port costing £308 and two shillings Page 5



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Millennium threat: British insurers are threatening to refuse cover to businesses which suffer loss due to a failure to update computer systems for 2000 Page 46

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TOMORROW

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ARTS Bags packed: the dancers of the Royal Ballet get ready to move house

LAW Ruff justice: why courts have problems when there's an animal in the case

England, Borders, E'burgh & Dundes, Aberdeen: Early tog patches clearing by mid or late-morning, then fine and warm with long sunny periods Light variable wind. Max 19C (66F).

wind. Max 19C (66F).

SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Morey Firth, Argyll, N ineland: Early mist petches soon clearing, then mostly fine with high clouds and some hazy sunshine Bacoming warm Light to moderate wind. Max 19C (68F)

NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Mostly cloudy with drizzle, Moderate south-west wind Max 17C (68F).

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☐ Republic of Ireland: Fine start, cloudy tater. Rain in SW in tate evening, wind SE moderate or fresh Warm. Max 21C (70F).

Outlook. Fine with high clouds and sunshme after mist, log and cloud clears. Cold nights and mornings, warm

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Football: Arsenal moved into secand place behind Manchester United in the FA Carling Premiership by beating Chelsea 3-2 Page 27 Cricket: Worcestershire finished third in the county championship behind Glamorgan, who won the title for the first time since 1969, and Kent, who finished second in three competitions this Pages 30, 31 season

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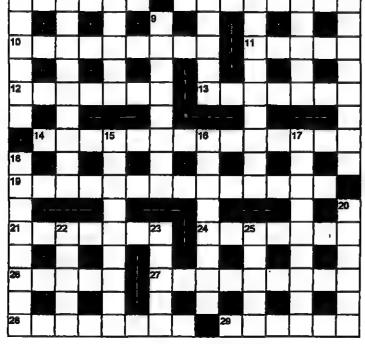
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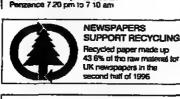
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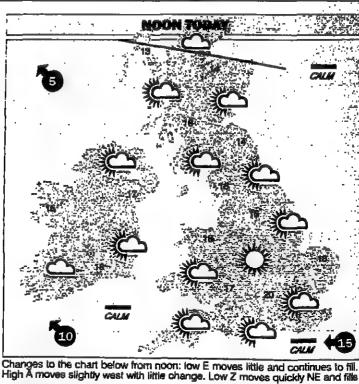
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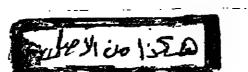
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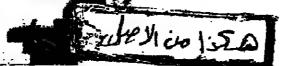
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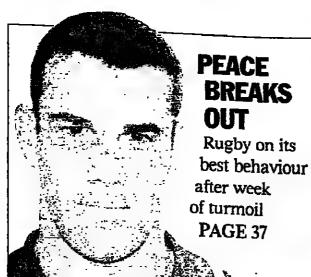
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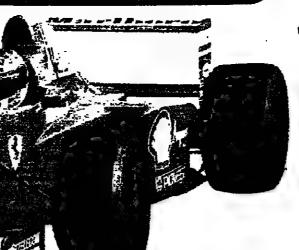




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UNDER THE SKIN OF SPORT

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CENTREDENTSARDIA



Winterburn, the Arsenal defender, is airborne after unleashing a fierce shot to score the goal that decided the London derby against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge yesterday. Photograph: John Babb

Winterburn strikes decisive blow

BY OLIVER HOLT FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THE phoney war that has marked the start of the FA Carling Premiership season, by keeping the strongest sides apart until the last days of this Indian summer, ended in the violent, juddering, blazing of the big guns at Stamford Bridge yesterday afternoon, when Arsenal scored a dramatic and controversial late win over Chelsea that took them to second place in the table.

Arsenal's victory, in a tie that has superseded their clashes with Tottenham Hotspur as the most important of the London derbies. came courtesy of a stunning finish from Nigel Winterburn. The Arsenal left back lashed home his first goal for 18 months two minutes from the end of a frantic match to secure a 3-2 victory.

As Arsène Wenger, the Arsenal manager, punched the air in de-light, the Chelsea team, which had been reduced to ten men by the sending off of Frank Leboeuf for a

second bookable offence in the 68th minute, protested to Dermot Gallagher, the referee, that Wise had been prevented from challeng-ing Winterburn by an off-the-ball trip by Petit.

A feud had been simmering between Petit and Wise since midway through the half, when the Chelsea midfield player felled the Frenchman with an innocent high kick. Wenger said afterwards, though, that Wise should have been sent off for a two-footed lunge on Vieira, so it was clear that he felt a form of justice had been achieved. To emphasise the physical nature of the match. Duberry, the Chelsea defender, was taken to hospital after the match with a suspected

broken ankle. It was always that sort of match - a trial of strength as much as skill, a game that was decided as much in the bad-tempered battles in midfield as it was in attack. where Bergkamp showed Arsenal just what they had missed when he refused to travel to Salonika for



their Uefa Cup game last Tuesday because of his fear of flying. His return gave Arsenal the hint of supremacy that was the key to their victory, one that Wenger said was a big psychological boost, as it

was his side's first game against a perceived championship rival. "It was important for us to do well after our bad game in Greece," Wenger said. "We were too cautious in the first half. We did not take enough risks. But we had the experienced players there to calm us down when the play went through its violent moments and not to try to rush things when

Chelsea were down to ten men. In

the end, it came right for us and I

am delighted. The sending-off was

a turning point, because I did not

feel we could lose after that. "Psychologically, this was a very important result because we had not played against a team in the top five before and, for both us and Chelsea, it was important to know how we would play in that sort of

A slow start, illuminated only by a sublime Bergkamp turn from a Dixon throw-in, a fierce Poyet shot that was blocked by Bould and a mazy Bergkamp run that left four players in his wake, changed tempo five minutes before half-time when Wise hit a deep cross from the right to Duberry at the back post. He headed the ball across the face of the goal to Poyet, who

bundled it past Dixon on the

line.
Three minutes later, Arsenal nearly equalised when De Goey had to dive smartly to keep out a Bergkamp header. On the stroke of half-time, though, the Holland striker went one better. Vieira chipped a ball to Wright, who guided it into Bergkamp's path with a beautifully weighted header

and he slid it wide of De Goey. Ruud Gullit, the Chelsea player-manager, brought on Mark Hughes for Gianluca Vialli in the 57th minute, and his arrival seemed to act as a call to arms for both teams. Arsenal acted first.

After Petit's shot was blocked and ricocheted into the air, Leboeuf and Duberry made a dreadful hash of trying to clear it and, when it fell to Bergkamp, he drove it into the

bottom right-hand corner. Before a minute had elapsed, Leboeuf chipped a ball through to Hughes on the right side of the Arsenal area. He curled a tantalising cross into the box,

where Zola stole in on the back post to prod home the equaliser.

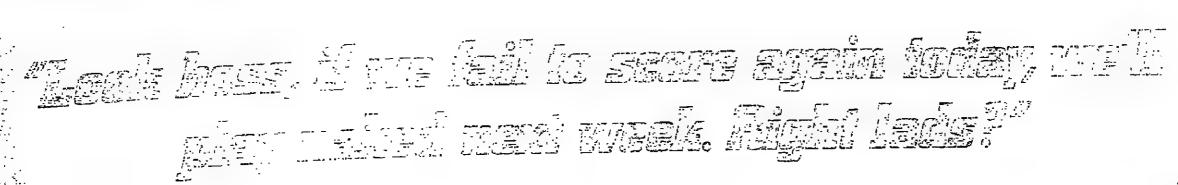
Leboeuf was sent off nine minutes later and for a long time it seemed as though that would stifle the game, as Gullit pulled Zola and Hughes back behind the ball and left only Flo in attack. They held on until the 88th minute, when Winterburn advanced unimpeded and fired a dipping, left-foot drive over De Goey and into the net.

Wenger used his post-match press conference to laud Bergkamp as a "world-class player who is at his peak": Gullit to defend Wise good-naturedly against the allegation that he should have been sent off. "He went in two-footed," someone insisted. "I thought you were allowed to do that in England," Gullit smiled.

CHELSEA (3-5-2) E de Goey — P Hughes, F Leboauf, M Duberry — D Petrescu (sub: M Nicholfs, 46min), R di Mético (sub: T Flo, 61), G Poyet, D Wise, G Le Saur — G Vfall (sub: M Hughes, 57), G Zole ARSENAL (4-4-2) D Seaman — L Deon, S Bould, A Adams, N Winterburn — R Parlou (sub: 1, Bos Morie, 67), P Viens, E Petit, M Overmars (sub: G Grimandt, 89) — D Borghamp, I Whight Referee: D Gallegher



Wenger celebrates victory



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GOLF: SCOT WARMS UP FOR RYDER CUP WITH COURSE RECORD AS BRITISH MASTERS GOES TO LAST PUTT

Turner keeps his nerve to hold off Montgomerie

By JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

SHORT putts are not much fun at the best of times and Greg Turner faced one of five feet on the 72nd green at the Forest of Arden yesterday afternoon. If he holed it, he would win the One 2 One British Masters by one stroke. If he missed, he would be in a play-off with Colin Montgomerie, the dominant golfer in Europe, who had just produced one of his Sunday special rounds, a magnificent, record-setting 63, to close from eight strokes behind Turner to

Turner had led by two strokes after 54 holes and was still ahead by the same margin after 70. He wobbled slightly by dropping one stroke on the 71st, and then hit his tee-shot into a bunker on the last. Now he needed all his nerve and, to his credit, he was not found wanting. He bravely sank the putt and thus claimed victory. A 70 gave Turner a total of 275. 13 under par. Montgomerie was 12 under and Mark Rox

So to Turner - the brother of Glenn, the former New Zealand cricket captain — go the victor's spoils, a matter of a cool £125,000, but to Montgomerie go the plaudits. This course, which had looked so desolate and drab in the rain earlier in the week, was bathed in sunshine as he made his way round it yester-Montgomerie looked



Montgomerie: record

nothing less than the golden boy of European golf.

At times on Sundays this year, his play has been wonderful, and so it was vesterday. The 63 counts as a course record because of an alteration made to the short 5th. When combined with his 67 on Saturday, it took him from two over par after 36 holes to 12 under afer 72, and he got through to the last two days only by the skin of his teeth. saving par from beneath a tree

That is the best round I have played this year." Montgomerie said, placing it higher than the closing 62 — also a course record — which brought him a seven-shot victory in the Irish Open in July. "Seve [Severiano Ballesteros, the Europe Ryder Cup captain will be delighted. I am sure, and the Americans would have been thrilled if I had missed the cut."

Montgomerie had seven birdies in his last round, two coming in the last five holes when he needed them most. He eagled the 17th for good measure. No wonder he was pleased with himself. It was the sort of gulf that one expects from him, yet it was also the sort of golf that makes one want him to go to the United States and try his luck among the stronger fields there. That is the way he can progress even more. If he wins the order of merit for a record fifth

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time in succession, as he is now favourite to do, then the urge to see him compete regularly in the US will be even greater. Montgomerie's Ryder Cup

team-mates suffered mixed fortunes. Thomas Bjorn had his worst round of the week, a 73, to finish equal fourth, but Ignacio Garrido, Ian Woosnam and Darren Clarke had their lowest or their equal lowest. José María Olazábal was downcast after finishing one under par for 72 holes.

Ten years ago, Olazábal made his debut in the Ryder Cup at Muirfield Village and, in partnership with Ballesteros, won three of their four foursomes and four-ball matches. In the gallery then was his mother, watching anxiously, blobs of pride evident in her cheeks. She will be at Valderrama again this week, but Olazabal is pessimistic that she will witness

He was asked what was wrong. "Everything," was the answer. "My mother had better be on the fairway." Olazabal said. "That is the safest place. My game is not there. It is reflected in the score, just one sub-par round in the past four. Everything is wrong, from tee to green.

such golf again.

It is just the opposite for Montgomerie, who goes to Valderrama in much the same rich vein of form as he left for Washington and the United States Open after winning at Slaley Hall.

"I have been 14 under par at the weekend. That is good," Montgomerie said. "When I start to relax and not worry about where the clubhead is at the top of the backswing, then I play well."

For Montgomerie, it is a case of "bring on the Americans". He cannot wait for the start of what will be his fourth Ryder Cup. "The American team is not as strong as we think," he said. "A lot of their players are beatable and have been beaten before. We are the 12 that Seve could have picked himself. We have every



Turner sinks a testing putt on the final green to win at the Forest of Arden yesterday

Davies ends monopoly

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN COLOGNE

LAURA DAVIES, the world No 3, won the Hennessy Cup at the Golf und Land-Club Koln, near here yesterday, breaking a streak of six successive Swedish victories on German soil and adding a new - and much-coveted title to her collection. "I'm absolutely delighted,"

Davies, who as a rookie had finished second in the first Hennessy in 1985, said. "Gilles Hennessy has been such a loyal sponsor and does so much for us that it's great to win his tournament. It was hard work out there and I never really felt comfortable. but I was very rarely in trouble off the tee and that's the key around a course like

At the halfway stage, Davies forecast that five under par would win. She was well out as fast greens and lush rough took their toll and the course was undoubtedly the winner on points.

On a sunny day with barely a breath of breeze, the course continued to pose problems and Davies managed to repel all challengers with a final round of 74, two over par, for a level-par total of 288. That left her one shot ahead of Anne-Marie Knight, of Australia, who came home in 33, three under par, to equal her best

result in Europe.

The distinguished trio of Helen Alfredsson, the defending champion. Alison Nicholas, the US Open champion. and Lisa Hackney, the Midlander who is on the verge of being rookie of the year in the United States, shared third place on 290, a shot behind

Nicholas had moved to two under par with birdies at the

first two holes and took the lead, briefly, when Davies dropped shots at the 1st and 3rd to drop back to level par. However. Nicholas lost momentum with bogeys at the 4th and 5th and Davies regained the lead when she hit a

wedge to four feet at the 5th. It was tight and tense until the finish but when Davies. who had five bogeys and three birdies, holed a testing threefooter for her par at the 17th. she had the luxury of knowing that a par five at the last would

Davies was not quite at her best but she owed her victory to an impressive 6S on Saturday that included eagle threes at the 2nd and the 11th. She chipped in from 60 feet at the former and hit a spectacular four-iron - it travelled 243 yards and finished five feet from the hole — at the latter.

SPORT IN BRIEF

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United States reach **Davis Cup final**

THE United States will play Sweden in the final of the Davis Cup tennis tournament in November. Pete Sampras's victory over Patrick Rafter gave the United States an insurmountable 3-1 lead in their semi-final tie against Australia in Washington yesterday, while Sweden heat Italy 41 in their best-of-five series in Norrköping.

Sampras, the world No I, used his overpowering service to subdue the US Open champion 6-7, 6-1, 6-1, 6-4 in two hours and twenty minutes. Sampras, who has said that he will play in the final in Sweden, has won eight Davis Cup singles matches in a row. His last defeat came when an ankle injury forced him to retire during his match against Stefan Edberg, of Sweden, in the 1994 semi-finals.

Sweden advanced to their second successive final when Jonas Bjorkman beat Renzo Furlan 4-6, 6-4, 6-0, 6-4. Thomas Enqvist then beat Omar Camporese 6-3, 6-7, 6-3 in the last rubber, which was shortened to three sets.

Plato philosophical

MOTOR RACING: Renault rounded off a highly successful season in the Auto Trader RAC Touring Car Championship with successive victories at Silverstone vesterday. The Williams-built Lagunas of Alain Menu, the newly-crowned champion, and Jason Plato, his rookie team-mate, both scored wins, but there was no love lost between the two drivers. Plato began the day with an outside chance of finishing second in the championship, but Menu passed him to win the first race, ensuring that Frank Biela, in an Audi, would take second place overall.
Plate held off a determined Menu for his second win of the year, to finish one point behind Biela. "To miss second

by a point is disappointing, but we all know why it happened." Plato said. An unrepentant Menu said: "I've always said that I didn't care who was second."

Zimbabwe in control

CRICKET: New Zealand were in trouble at the close of play on the fourth day of the first Test in Harare. Zimbabwe declared their second innings on 311 for nine, setting a target of 403. Then Paul Strang and Adam Huckle took a wicket apiece as New Zealand reached 64 for two, still 338 runs behind, when had light stopped play. Craig Spearman was caught behind by Andy Flower off Strang. Then, in the next over. Matt Home tried to leave a ball from Huckle that came in to him and caught a glove on its way to Flower. Earlier. Grant Flower had become the first Zimbabwean to score a century in each innings, following his 104 with a 151.

Baddeley appointed

BADMINTON: Steve Baddeley became one of the youngest chief executives in British sport and the spearhead of a mini-revolution when he was yesterday appointed as the head of the Badminton Association of England. Baddeley. 36, the former European and Commonwealth champion, has been given almost £1 million of National Lottery money to help to make England one of the leading badminton nations again. "It's a 1.000 per cent increase in what we had available to us. It's phenomenal," Baddeley said.

Thomson proves master

BOWLS: Andy Thomson, the world indoor singles champion in 1994 and 1995, looked a good bet to regain the title after winning the International Indoor Masters in Soham yesterday, dropping only one set on his way to victory. After defeating Greg Harlow, of Cambridgeshire, 7-3. 7-4. 7-2. Thomson revealed he had been working hard on his indoor game since he lost in the semi-finals of the English outdoor singles at Worthing last month.

Zulle increases lead

CYCLING: Pavel Tonkov, of Russia, clinched his second stage win in three days in the Tour of Spain yesterday although the overall leader, Alex Zülle, still looked sure of victory. The Swiss increased his lead to 2min 46sec after the fifteenth stage as a rainy day on the 1,120 metre-high Enol Pass in the Covadonga national park washed away any fleeting hopes that his rivals might have had.

Peberdy is on a roll

GYMNASTICS: The British champion, Katherine Peberdy, became the world tumbling champion when she scored 9.98 out of ten in the world sports acrobatics championship at Manchester yesterday. Emily Crocker and Neil Griffith won the silver medal for mixed pairs (29.70) and gold for the tempo routine (19.82). Great Britain won seven medals and finished fourth in the team event.

Roberts does enough

FELL RUNNING: Mark Roberts claimed his first English title after finishing seventh in the 13-mile (4,000ft) Three Shires Race in Cumbria. The race was won by his Borrowdale team-mate, Gavin Bland, who scored his third win in as many weeks. Mari Todd clinched her first women's championship by winning for the third time in

Fulford secures title

CROQUET: Robert Fullord yesterday overcame Simon Mulliner 3-1 to win the European championship in an all-English final. Fulford had defeated Poalo DiPetra, of Italy, and Matthew Burrow, 17, from Jersey, to reach the final. The title-holder, Simon Williams, of Ireland, beaten by Mulliner in a semi-finals, lost to Burrow in the third

RUGBY LEAGUE

Hull on course to complete double

By Our Sports Staff

HULL, the first division champions, are on course to complete a double after beating Whitehaven 45-18 in their Premiership Trophy semi-final. They now face Huddersfield at Old Trafford next Sunday.

The match yesterday was full of drama, with Graeme Hallas, of Hull, and David Fatialofa, of Whitehaven, sent off after a scuffle in the 34th minute. Four minutes later, Stan Martin, the Whitehaven coach, was dismissed after an argument with the referee.

By then, Hull had put themselves into a commanding position, by storming into a 140 lead inside the first II minutes. Tries by Steven Holmes and Brad Hepi, plus three Mark Hewitt goals, gave them the perfect start.

Having established a 24-point lead at the interval. Mark Johnson, the Hull wing. kept up his impressive recent record with his eleventh touchdown in eight matches. Johnson ran 50 yards down the

touchline, beating three defenders on the way. Whitehaven kept battling bravely and struck back with tries by Aaron Lester and Lee

Kiddi, Hull, though, finished off with three more tries. Bradford Bulls, the Super League champions, began their rebuilding plans for next season yesterday by transferlisting two of their champion-

ship-winning players. Paul Loughlin, the former Great Britain centre, and the Scutland wing, Gary Christie, were put up for sale as Matthew Elliott, the Bradford coach, stepped up the search for new blood. "We couldn't agree on a new

deal with Paul Loughlin and Gary Christie," Elliott said. "We haven't put a fee on them but we are in negotiations

with a couple of clubs." Bradford have been linked with Shaun Edwards, the London Bronces scrum half. Alan Hunte, of St Helens, and Paul Sculthorpe, the Warring-

HOCKEY: CONTROVERSIAL DEFEAT DENTS HOME HOPES IN JUNIOR WORLD CUP

England need win after protest fails

By Sydney Friskin

ENGLAND, second in pool B, and England were well in the need a victory against Argentina today to improve their chances in the junior World Cup tournament at Milton Keynes. Argentina are fifth, on two points, but are improving with every game.
A 1-0 defeat by Germany on

Saturday was the first setback for England, who unsuccessfully lodged a protest that a suspended German player had illegally entered the field. The wing half. Andreas Lante. had been sent off in the 54th minute for a dangerous tackle.

The tournament director accented the German argument that they did not commit a deliberate offence but had mistaken the action of the umpire, who in summoning the stretcher bearers to remove an injured player had used the same signals for the

recall of a suspended player.

Jon Royce, the England coach, said that he would not have complained if the Germans had been leading 2-0, but as the margin was only I-0

game he thought his protest was justified. The winning goal was

scored in the eighteenth minute after a breakaway from a short corner. A centre from the left was pushed into goal by the outside right. Draguhn, with Ebsworth having no chance to save.

After that, England had as much chance of equalising as the Germans had of increasing their lead. In the first half, Pearn and Wicken lost control in good positions to score. Germany missed twice in the second half and held out against mounting pressure towards the end.

in pool A matches yesterday, a 1-0 victory by Belgium over Cuba was followed by a thrilling encounter between Australia and India. who shared four goals. Australia had the edge in the first half but were two goals down at the end of it. Australia then scored twice in the second half

Slough shrug off wayward finishing

By Cathy Harris

ENGLAND'S greatest failing at the World Cup qualifying tournament in Zimbabwe last month was their abvsmal finishing. The opening day in the National League season proved no different, with the top sides all citing the same problem.

Slough, the champions, and lpswich both made winning starts, but the Slough captain, Sue Chandler, complained that her team were not clinical enough in its 4-2 victory at Hightown, while Lucy Young. her ipswich counterpart, said: "We were pleased to hit four past Doncaster but can do a lot better. There was a lapse in concentration either side of the

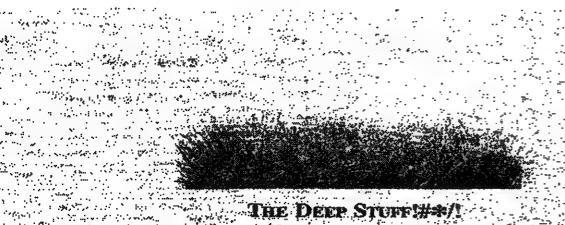
At Sutton Coldfield, the Clifton team coach, Pete Atwell, admitted that he would not have paid any money to watch a game that he said was a poor spectacle after the Bristol club came from a goal down to earn a draw with the Midlanders. Atwell added: "It's disappoint-

ing because we created sufficient chances and should have scored with two or three clear first-half opportunities."

Even the newcomers. Olton. who scored more goals than any other team last season. struggled with their shooting. squandering 13 penalty corners against Trojans. Sam Strange and Franca Gasparini twice shot Trojans ahead with Kerry Moore and Kristen Holmes, Olton's new international from the United States, levelling the scores.

Despite the widespread profligacy, the England coach. Maggie Souyave, will have been heartened by the performances of the Slough strikers. Mandy Nicholls and Jane Smith, who worked selflessly. Tina Cullen, another Eng-

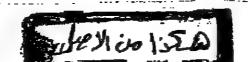
land player who has failed to translate her outstanding dub form to international level, showed why she is the league's all-time leading markswoman with two brilliant efforts for Hightown to reduce the final



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MOTOR RACING: SCHUMACHER PAYS FOR COSTLY ERROR AS CHAMPIONSHIP LEAD IS CUT TO ONE POINT

Villeneuve enjoys flag of convenience

IN ZELTWEG

IT WAS a marginal misjudgment, an understandable mistake with far-reaching consequences. Michael Schumacher is likely to rue the momentary lapse that allowed Jacques Villeneuve to win the Austrian Grand Prix yesterday and reduce the German's world championship lead to a

solitary point. Schumacher failed to notice a yellow flag, waved to warn him of an accident at the Remus Kurve on the A-l Ring. and overtook Heinz-Harald Frentzen. He was immediately ordered into the pits by the three race stewards, to serve a ten-second stop-go penalty that relegated him from third to ninth place.

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He poured his anger and frustration into a stunning drive over the last third of the race, forcing his way past Damon Hill on the penultimate lap to claim sixth place, and a point. Villeneuve, though, who cruised to a comfortable win, nearly three seconds ahead of the runner-up. David Coulthard, knew he had seized the initiative in the duel for the title.

His Williams-Renault is better suited to the three remaining circuits - Nürburgring. Suzuka and Jerez - than Schumacher's Ferrari. "This was a very, very important win," Villeneuve said. "It was a crucial race. We have a better overall package than Michael and I am very confi-

dent for the rest of the season." His willingness to tempt fate gives the misleading impression of a man under little ressure. The strain of chasing Schumacher, the outstanding driver of his generation, is insidious, if well disguised. Revealingly. Villeneuve was on his intercom throughout the race, demanding information on Schumacher's progress from his pit crew. Villeneuve had started



wheel. When he returned to earth, he ploughed through the gravel trap, leaving a thin mist of dust that had not cleared when Schumacher came around, on the next lap, He was pressurising Frentzen, who was being frustrated by Gerhard Berger's resistance to the humiliation of being lapped in his home

grand prix, and did not see a

marshall, on the left-hand side

of the track, waving the flag. Schumacher was furious with himself. The incident had uncanny echoes of the controversy at the 1994 British Grand Prix, when he claimed that he failed to see a black flag ordering his retirement from the race. One of the siewards yesterday. Peter Soche, a lawyer, was in charge that fateful afternoon, which led to Schumacher being disqualified.

His response to the selfimposed setback signalled his awareness of its significance. He argued, later, for more marshalls to be employed in such circumstances, but knew he had only himself to blame. The penalty made me angry." he said. "I had to take risks. I

The 200,000-strong crowd, a vast swathe of Ferrari red that clashed with the rich green of the pine-clad hills, were entranced by his aggression and

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Hill, kept out of the points by Michael Schumacher, centre, chats with him and his brother, Ralf, right, after the race

chello into a mistake, which sent the Brazilian's car careering across the gravel trap at the Jochen Rindt Kurve, and then set off in pursuit of

through.

THE RACE FOR THE WORLD DRIVERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

Hill's brakes were worn. His TWR Arrows Yamaha lacked acceleration, but Schumacher was in such inspired mood that he would have beaten him in a tractor. "I saw Michael behind me and

thought he was far enough finished fourth and fifth resback for me to hold on," Hill Schumacher's moral victory said. "I was just driving my

nuts off, but he slipped maintained his championship advantage and was a powerful It was another indication of statement of intent. However, just how far Hill has to climb logic suggests that the title is to reclaim former glories. His now Villeneuve's to lose. Helped by Frentzen's third consecutive third place, Wilcompensation for another difficult afternoon was the reliability of the Jordan Puegeot liams have also regained the drivers, Giancarlo Fisichella lead over Ferrari in the conand Ralf Schumacher, who structors' championship.

"I think I could have finished second without the penalty" Schumacher said, in a tone of grim resignation. "Obviously. I was concentrating on my fight with Berger and Frentzen, but the flags should be more visible. At least I managed to pick up a point." Now that a truce has been called in the phoney war of Formula One's silly season. the real fight begins.



important victory yesterday

SPEEDWAY

Hancock on top of the world over Loram win

BY TONY HOARL

GREG HANCOCK was erowned world champion in Vojens, in Denmark on Saturday on a night when Mark Loram ended Britain's threeyear wait for a grand-prix winner. Hancock, who rides in the British Elite League for Coventry, kept his composure in impressive fashion to succeed Billy Hamill, his close friend and team-mate, as world No l. He becomes the fifth American rider to take the world title.

Hamill's sixth place on the night gave him the world championship silver medal and a memorable one-typ for the Team Exide racing organisation, which the pair launched at the start of last

Hancock, 27, had showed his determination to win the title right from the opening grand prix in the Czech Republic in May, when he finished third in the main final. He said: "This is a lifetime dream for me. I just can't say how I feel right now. It is better than I expected it to be. It has been my ultimate goal to win the world championship and here I am now looking at the title."

While the champion's plaudits went to Haneuck. Britain could finally celebrate a grand-prix victory thanks to Loram, who stormed to success in the main final after a typically enterprising per-

With his victory, Loram, the British champion, erased some painful memories. He was top qualifier for the British Grand Prix this year, at his home track Bradford, but started badly in the main final and finished fourth. This time there was no mistake as Loram, 26, moved wide around the outside on the opening bend to claim Britain's first grand-prix win after 18 attempts.

Loram, who has qualified for five main linals in the past three years, said: "It's about time we had a British rider on top of the rostrum. I was so disappointed after Bradford, but this makes up for it."

Tomasz Gollob, of Poland. took the world championship bronze medal, two points clear of Tony Rickardsson, of weden, who picked himself up from a nasty spill to finish second on the night.

Luram's victory earned him fifth place in the world championship but Chris Louis and Andy Smith, Britain's other competitors, face a trip to the last-chance qualify-ing meeting to try to keep their places after finishing below eighth place in the championship.

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Basketball

Newcastle rally to record first victory

By NICHOLAS HARLING

 THE pressure is on Craig Lynch to succeed as coach to Newcastle Engles, it comes not from Sir John Hall but Lynch himself. "That's the kind of guy I am. I put pressure on myself because I am so comafter the Eagles had complet-ed a speciacular recovery to record their first win of the season, 89-82, against Thames alies Tigers at Bracknell

"There's no pressure from Sir John. He invited my wife and I to a football game when we arrived and everything's fine with him." For all that, the last thing Lynch wanted was to have to inform Sir John that, under its new coach, hired in the summer, the hasketball section of his Newcastle Sporting Club empire was without a win in

hree attempts. So it was on Saturday that the Eagles came back from 15 points down to lead by 18. before surviving a Tigers comebacl: that brought 12 successive points. The turning-point was the third quarter, which the Engles took 27-8. "I made a few adjustments." Lynch said. Most of all, his eam increased their defensive intensity, helped by the absence through an aggravated back strain of Jason Siemon in

their opponents' court.
That left Tony Holley to hit 29 points in vain for the Tigers, who succumbed to the 34 for the Eagles of Rob Phelps. He was well supported by Peter Scantlebury, the England captain contributing l3 on an emotional return to the court that he graced for so long. He received a presentation at half-time for his services to the club, from Mick Bett, his former coach.

London Towers prepared for their daunting task against Milan at Wembley in the European Cup tomorrow with an impressive 76-71 win over Manchester Giants in front of an 8.000 crowd in the Nynex

When Michael Brown connected with four three-pointers in the opening quarter. Towers could have been forgiven for believing that they were heading for a repeat of lust season's acute embarrassment on the same court. Then, · 48 points came their way

This time, Brown added only one more basket and, by the time Brett Larrick sunk two three-pointers late in the final quarter, Danny Lewis had made the game safe for the Towers. The American's haul of II successive points. including nine from the freethrow line, took him to 27 and gave his side a winning 76-65 advantage.

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DETAILS

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THOUSANDS of people in hundreds of boats turned out on the Solent yesterday to give the ten-strong Whitbread round-the-world race fleet a rousing send-off at the start of their 31,600-mile nine-stop race, which finishes in Southampton next May.

The Solent was teeming with yachts and motorboats of all kinds, as the Red Arrows put on a pre-start display. flying just above the mastheads of the biggest boats. With the sun shining and the breeze blowing out of the east at 15-20 knots, everything was set for a classic downwind start at the beginning of the 7,350-mile first leg to Cape

The main danger for the skippers was crashing into spectator boats as the Solent became a cauldron of churning water. The Whitbread 60s, setting big masthead spinnakers, were surrounded as they made their way westwards out of the Solent and through the Needles Channel with the first of the spring ebb tide.

When the Duke of York fired the starting gun on the battlements below the Royal Yacht Squadron just after 2pm, it was Paul Cayard, the veteran America's Cup skipper from the United States, at the wheel of unfancied EF Language who made the most

courageous start. Cayard opted for the squadron end of the line and then headed up the Isle of Wight shore where the tide turns earliest. With hundreds of spectator craft in his way, it was a risky decision but it paid off as the yellow spinnaker on Cayard's yacht led the charge out of the Solent at speeds of 12 ra 14 knots.

Also starting well

Edward Gorman sees the Whitbread fleet

Rousing send-off makes early

enjoy an eventful start to their epic voyages,

notably the British and Norwegian crews

Grant Dalton, of New Zealand, on Merit Cup, who opted for a more middle-ofthe-line start and then showed good speed to leeward of Cayard. Behind them up the shore was his fellow New Zealander, Chris Dickson, in Toshiba, who damaged a runner when he briefly collided

hit a navigation mark. Great Britain's entry, the purple and white sharkcovered Silk Cut, opted for the most conservative start at the pin end of the line where her skipper, Lawrie Smith, probably hoped that he would stay

with a spectator boat that itself



crew struggled to set their

spinnaker that was trapped in

its bug after the zip jammed. The sail was finally bent to the breeze about a minute after Silk Cut immediately lifted at the bow and planed westwards with Gordon Maguire at the wheel and Smith crouching on the port quarter. Neal McDonald was trimming the mainsail, while ahead of him Tim Powell

trimmed the big spinnaker.

While Smith, who carries

third. Whitbreads.

The fleet sets sail on the 7,350-mile leg to Cape Town



The boat had started well and was lying fourth when she had to alter course to avoid a collision with a spectator craft that powered up the sail and ripped it. The Norwegians lost precious speed getting what remained of it down and, by the time they hoisted a replacement, they had slipped to

At Hurst Castle, at the entrance to the Needles Channel, where thousands more spectators had gathered, Cayard, on an increasingly shy reach, had a lead of 20 seconds over Dalton with Dickson a further 20 seconds back. Smith was lying in eighth place, nearly 212 minutes adrift of the leader. At St Alban Head, three hours after the start, Dickson had overtaken Cayard, who was in second place, with Dalton

Among those happiest to see the fleet on their way was the race director, Jan Bailey-Willmot, who is overseeing his last Whitbread. Just before the start, he talked about how difficult it is to pick a winner in this, the most competitive

There are so many starthingly good people out there that I think the race isn't going to be over until it is over this time," he said, "I reckon the winner will be drawn from about five boots. But I wouldn't bet on any of them. There are so many things that



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CRICKET

Fitting finale as Lancashire pair cling on

BRISTOL (final day of four):

IF ANYONE at the County Ground yesterday did not know why Gloucestershire are still waiting for their first county championship since the days of W G Grace, they got the answer in the final. frustrating moments of the season. Gloucestershire simply could not finish off Lancashire, just as they have been unable to finish off so many other sides this summer.

They had set Lancashire a victory target of 288 in what turned out to be 72 overs and. despite a high-quality 78 from John Crawley and substantial contributions from Neil Fairbrother and lan Austin, had every chance of winning when they reduced the visiting team to 232 for seven with 11 overs remaining.

What happened next demonstrated precisely why they want Courtney Walsh back as their overseas player next season instead of Shaun Young, the Australian allrounder. Young was left to patrol the boundary as though Gloucestershire had already written him off, while the two spinners, Ball and Davis, tried to prise out the tail.

They were not quite up to it. They did pick up a wicket apiece, but the last pair of Chapple and Keedy held our for more than two overs with nine fielders clustered round

Gloucestershire, who were up with the leaders until they lost their previous three games, have to settle for seventh place and £8,000 in prize-money. It was still a more praiseworthy effort than that of Lancashire, who, let it be noted, finished tenth, which would have consigned them to the second division had a twotiered county championship been introduced on the basis of the table this season.

The final day also offered a campaign. They seemed to be favourites when Gloucestershire resumed only 174 runs ahead with three wickets left. but they lost the initiative to Mark Alleyne, the Gloucestershire captain, before the dew was off the grass.

Alleyne struck Keedy for four and six in the first over to pass 1,000 runs in a season for the fifth time and dominated an eighth-wicket stand of 119 in 32 overs before his partner, Davis, was caught behind off Chadford for 39. Alleyne was unbeaten on 82, plundered off 107 balls with three sixes and nine fours, when he declared at 228 for eight.

It was a sporting enough declaration on a flat wicket. but the Gloucestershire tails were up from the first over after lunch when Mike Smith gave their supporters the wicket they had been waiting for. They are still grumbling about the way Michael Atherton neglected to give Smith the new ball in his solitary Test at Headingley, so they were overjoyed when he employed

the gate. Wood went next, caught at slip in Davis's second over. but Crawley and Fairbrother put on 82 in 19 overs for the

inswinging delivery to bowl

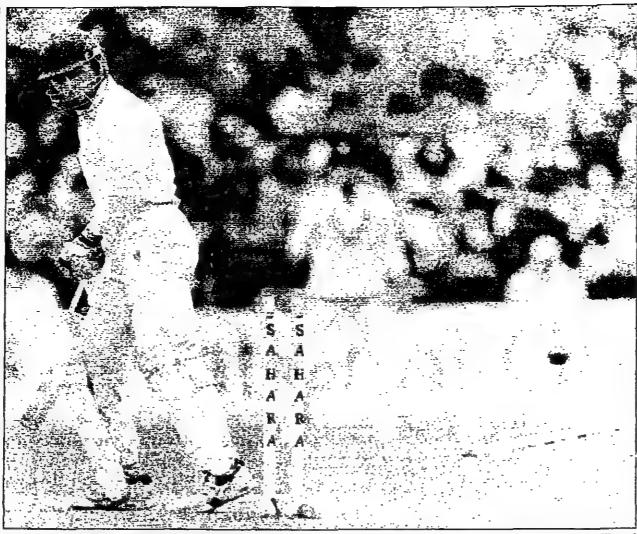
the England captain through

left-armer's classical

Then the game swung dramatically in the space of three overs. Crawley, having batted beautifully for his 78 off 99 balls with 15 fours, was legbefore trying to pull Lewis over mid-wicket, and Harvey and Watkinson were run out. Fairbrother. Austin and

Hegg kept up the chase but when Hegg was brilliantly caught by Ball, arguably the best slip-fielder in the country, high to his right off Smith. Lancashire settled for frustrating Gloucestershire. The umpires, Barrie Meyer

and Jack Bond, drew stumps for the last time after their emotional farewell in a match involving their old counties. They would probably have



Saeed Anwar, the Pakistan opening batsman, looks back at his stumps after being dismissed by Abey Kuruvilla, of India, in the fourth Sahara Cup match in Toronto on Saturday. India won by seven wickets. Scoreboard, page 41

Barnett ends stormy season in style

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

DERBY (final day of four): Derbyshire (24pts) beat Yorkshire (3) by nine wickets

THIS has been a miserable and at times harrowing season for Derbyshire but it ended with a terrific rainbow. The Peakites beat Yorkshire. who were championship contenders only a week ago, out of sight and, allied to earlier victories over the Australians and Lancashire, they can say that the summer has not been entirely without merit.

It was only their nineteenth championship victory against Yorkshire, who have won 99 of the matches between the clubs. The win cannot disguise the team's overall lamentable performance this year or wish away the internecine wars that belong more property in a Sicilian village. But it does mean they can take their

relative harmony.

Derbyshire had three he-

roes in this match, two old sweats and a young man who has yet to find his feet. Kim Barnett, the central figure of the drama this season, made an unbeaten 210 and shared in the highest stand in the club's history, 417, with Tim Tweats, whose 189 was his maiden century. Phillip DeFreitas, the outgoing captain. who has complained about not being given a fair crack of the whip. gave them ten wickets as a parting gift.

When Yorkshire were bowled out for 267 yesterday - the same score they had made on the first day -Derbyshire had to make 62 to win and they got there easily. It was appropriate that Barnett and Tweats were together at the end, for it was their remarkable stand that did most to win the game.

What a way Barnett chose to bring down the curtain! As somebody said: "This summer

he has got rid of the captain. the coach, the chairman and the cricket chairman." Now he has ended it by making his 52nd hundred for Derbyshire, strengthening his club record. and passing 1,000 runs in a season for the fourteenth time, another club record. He was on the field for every ball of this game, not bad for a 37-year-old. The 417 stand for the second

wicket was not only the best in Derbyshire's 127-year history. it was also the highest made at the ground and the highest made for the second wicket against Yorkshire. DeFreitas and Harris broke

the back of the innings by sharing four of the first five wickets. There was some peculiar batting before lunch, as Yorkshire embarked on a policy of hit-or-bust, repremann's 45 from 31 balls.

There were not many hits. though Parker. Silverwood and Fisher, who looks an uncommonly assured No IO. made sure that Derbyshire at least had to but again, however briefly. DeFreitas took six wickets in the innings, and returned match figures of ten for 172. At a difficult time for the club he has not let them

It is not true to say that Barnett dispensed with the quarrelsome foursome. though his is still a powerful voice within the club. He did. after all, captain the side for 13 years. Derbyshire's handling of sensitive matters was so maladroit that casualties were unavoidable, and Dominic Cork's promotion to captain has ensured that everybody remains on storm alert.

So, here's to 1998. "Dogger. German Bight, Finisterre . . .

Sussex are denied consolation at the last

By JACK BAILEY

HOVE (final day of Jours: Sussex (Spts) drew with Not-

IT COULD have happened in Tom Brown's Schooldays: the underdogs, after a dismal season, rising to the challenge of scoring 356 to win at better than four an over. But this is the real world. Sussex, already assured of the championship wooden spoon in the light of Derbyshire's victory over Yorkshire, were denied one last triumph by a Notting-hamshire team that, for all their good points, scarcely deserved to win.

Yesterday, their fielding was not only suspect but distinctly vulnerable under pressure. Keith Newell who. with Toby Peirce, kept Sussex on the fringes of the hunt, was dropped twice - on eight and 57. Peirce made a worthy 90. but should have been caught and bowled by Franks when 19. Numerous run-out chances were missed as Sussex kept going until only three wickets remained with 78 still

needed from nine overs. The early-morning ex-changes provoked little incident Johnson took toll of friendly spin bowling for his second half-century in the match. Afzaal tried to do the same, but this is not his style and Carpenter's slow left-arm defeated and bowled him. By the time Johnson declared, Notts had added 68 to their overnight 147 and Sussex were set a reasonable, but in their case unlikely 356 to win off \$2 overs.

There were moments that promised Sussex victory. After his escape, Peirce mowed with great effect across the line of Richard Bates's off spin. Newell survived his first chance and settled down with Peirce to take Sussex to lea at 199 for two off 51 overs, the game very much on. Any sense of wellbeing among Sussex supporters was soon replaced by doubt, however. Newell hit the ball back at Afzaal, there was a deflection on to the stumps and Peirce, backing up, was run out. Newell rode his luck, but found nobody who could both stay with him and score freely enough.

Boon takes a swing at county pitches

BY IVO TENNANT

LEICESTER (final day of four): Leicestershire (21pts) beat Durham (4) by 17 runs

THE sense of optimism that pervaded Durham when a much-respected Australian arrived to be their captain at the start of the season was not entirely misplaced. Yesterday, they had a brave stab at winning a championship match away from the North East for the first time for two years, narrowly failing to reach their target of 328. David Boon himself made 93 and John Morris 84.

Boon, judging each ball with familiar meticulous care, faced 173 balls and struck 17 fours. Morris, in his spasmodically brilliant way, added 149 with him in 29 overs. Millns finished with six wickets.

Durham ended the season second from bottom in the championship, an improvement on last year. Boon knew what he was taking on, but realises he had been optimistic in aiming to finish mid-table, He told the player-of-the-

year dinner last week how keen he was to return to Durham next season. "I have not found playing all the time to be as hard as I expected," he said. "I have been frustrated because I have seen a lot of talent here. We have to become more consistent and work on acquiring a greater sense of self-belief."

He has not been wholly satisfied with his own form. having not quite reached 1,000 runs. The pitches, he feels, have not been good enough. England will not make any progress if we go on playing on the kind of surface, green in the middle and hare at both ends, that we encountered at Scarborough," Boon said.

"I do not agree with having two divisions for the championship. If the bottom sides cannot play the ones at the top. they will not learn and will stay where they are. If a player is in the second division, his chances of Test cricket will diminish. I did not hear too much whingeing about the system when England were beating Australia ten years ago. What is needed is an improvement in pitches and in the bowling on those pitches."

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Score at 120 overs: 313-6. FALL OF WICKETS 1-68, 2-133, 3-133, 4-200, 5-212, 6-253, 7-333, 8-369, 9-370 BOWLING: Welch 19-9-43-0, Brown 28-7 62-5, Gales 39-14-63-1, Bell 23-4-70-1 Smith 35-4-9-115-2

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BOWLING: Taylor 14-0-68-2; Penberby 5-0-35-0; Brown 26-4-79-3; Curran 4-0-15-1 Danes 21-13-29-2; Walton 2-0-15-0; Fordham 1-3-0-6-0 Fordham 1 3-0-6-0

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Umpires A.A. Jones and J.C. Baklerstone

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BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

This is another hand from the Nickell-Deutsch final of the US

Dealer South Game all **IMPs +AKQ72 T4 •183** 4Q1072 N **#J6543 ±1098** TA3 ¥Q 10 2 **+ 10** +KQ642 S **4AJ853** +96 **4K198765** +A975 øK4

Contract: Four Hearts by Sou (I) Playing "negative" doubles. North had to pass and hope his partner re-opened with a

double. Notice Meckstroth's jump to Four Hearts. At the other table South bid Three Hearts at this point. No doubt Meckstroth was hoping to lure Zia into an indiscretion, as what strength North had was likely to be in

spades. that in that case another club

couldn't cost - East would be

ruffing. Zia in fact ruffed with

the ten of hearts, and declarer

25

hearts

Rosenberg found the best lead of his singleton diamond, which was covered by the jack, queen and ace. Meckstroth continued with the king of clubs, ducked, and a second club. Rosenberg won and had another difficult play. Ace and another trump, the play found at the other table, is certainly a reasonable continuation. That would beat the contract if declarer had the hand he had (or better hearts), but was missing the nine of diamonds. However, Rosenberg saw

overruffed with the jack and continued with the nine of This was now West's prob-

lem: if South's hearts were solid, he had to take the ace and exit with a heart hoping his partner's diamonds were initially KQ9 (West knows declarer has no spades): if South had better diamonds and worse hearts, he had to duck. Rosenberg bravely went for the second view, and played low. So Zia scored the queen of hearts, and the defence made in all two trump tricks, a diamond and the ace

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Sport and in the Weekend

section on Saturday. WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

PERITE a. A fairy b. Skilful c. Granite crystals NEMERTINE a. Greek festival games

c Casting a shadow

b. A flatworm

PLAP a. Infant's porridge or gruet

b. An informer

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c. To plop **NEXAL** a. A tendon in the neck b. Crucial c. Debt slavery

Answers on page 46

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE KEENE on CHESS

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By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Leonard's lament

Leonard Barden, the veteran former British champion and noted expert on chess has addressed an open letter to the British Chess Federation protesting at the way at which the tied result in this year's British championship at Hove was

handled. It will be recalled that grandmasters Michael Adams. Matthew Sadler. Tony Miles and John Emms shared first place in the tournament proper, and that after a brief play-off the further tie between Michael Adams and Matthew Sadler was left unresolved. Adams and Sadler were declared on-champions.

Ironically, during the 1950s, Barden himself tied for first place in the British championship with Alan Phillips, but only after a 12-game match resulted in deadlock were the two declared co-champions.

Barden, in his open lener, claims that to permit a shared championship contravenes the British Chess Federation's own rules currently in force. and the possibility of sharing the title encourages top players to play cautiously, rather than risk all. Barden calls on the federation to organise a fresh tie-breaker between Adams and Sadler.

Kasparov's feat

Today's game is from a remarkable performance by the world champion in Buenos Aires in which he annihilated the entire Argentine national team in a simultaneous display by the score of 812-312.

Black: Kasparov Buenns Aires, September 1997 WINNING MOVE

White: Sorin

Rc7 Nb3 cxp3 c5 65 Bg3 aub5 **c4** 23 Ra8 dxe5 Nd7 26 ev17+ Qc6

White resigns Diagram of final position



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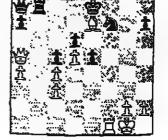
Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday in Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Rublevski -Ehlvest, Polanica Zdroj 1997. Black is very disorganised but is at least attacking the white bishop with his king. Can White do better than retreat-

ing his threatened piece?

Solution on page 46



Glamorgan prove value of team ethic

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

TURN the clock back 18 months and the wise and worldly of cricket would have laughed derisively at the suggestion that the next two county champions were to be Leicestershire and Glamorgan. Unfashionable, unfanciable, impossible. Yet it has happened and, to widespread approval, the title won by the Welsh on Saturday was every bit as deserved as that secured at Grace Road 12 months

Sympathy for Kent, the eternal bridesmaids, is natural but, in this instance, misplaced. In four-day cricket, Glamorgan have been the team of the year, exuding flair, balance and positive thinking. They won the title in style, demolishing Somerset in little more than two days of cricket, and they won it on merit. The margin was only four points but it might have been much

It seems incredible now that the first of only two defeats for Glamorgan was a humilia-tion. Back in June, on their own Cardiff soil, they were bowled out for 31 by Middlesex and beaten by an innings. A week later, they routed Lancashire for 51, exhibiting the spirit that was to shine through the summer. Though the weather has sometimes been cruel, they have not

looked back since. The architect of that uplifting win over Lancashire was Waqar Younis. He took seven for 25 and it was alone worth much of the £100,000 that he will take home to Pakistan for his season's work. Glamorgan did not lack ability or ambition, but perhaps it took that destructive spell to instil the

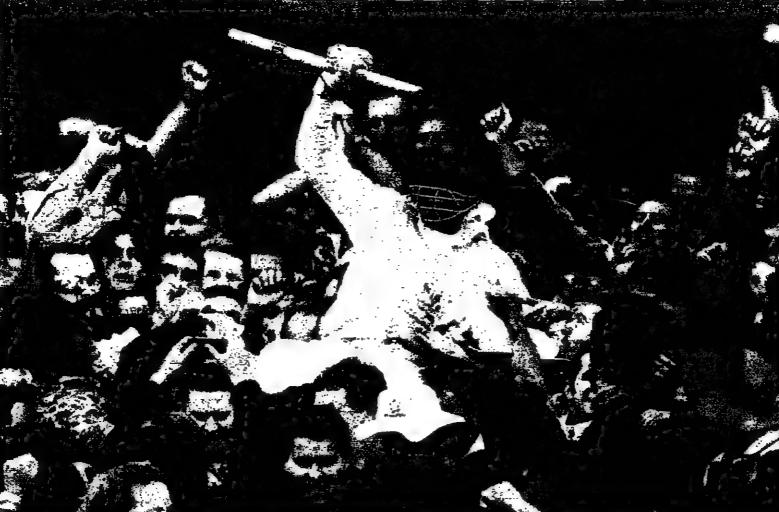
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Position

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221 runs

234 runs



Jubilant supporters carry James from the field after he had hit the winning runs against Somerset at Taunton, Photograph: Graham Morris

subconscious self-belief. It would, however, be wrong to lay this triumph entirely at Waqar's door. He did take more wickets than anyone, but Glamorgan boast three others - Steve Watkin, Darren Thomas and Robert Croft -with upwards of 50. The load

DRAWS

GLAMORGAN P: 17 W:8 L:2 D:7 Pts: 258

was shared, never more convincingly than on Saturday. After the breathtaking dash

to 527 had given Glamorgan an intimidating lead of 275, most of the 3,000 at Taunton, of whom perhaps 70 per cent were Weish, expected Waqar to apply the execution. In-

4 runs

Innings and 8 name

stead, devoid of rhythm as he battled tonsilitis, he conceded 50 runs in five overs.

Even Watkin, that marvellously loyal servant for whom all of cricket will be delighted, could not summon inspiration, and the hymn sheets in the crowd were quietly put away. Enter Thomas, the stocky, abrasive and - until this year - inconsistent youngster. Bowling fast, straight and with a control of

movement that tells of a year spent with Wagar, he took five for 38 and won the match. If this was symptomatic of the team ethic, it was also appropriate that the winning runs were scored by Steve James, who has had a phen-

omenal season. James, who is about to get married, will tour with England A after Christmas, but an injury in the senior side would see him dispatched to the West Indies. He would let nobody down. The opening partnership

between James and Hugh Morris has been an outstanding feature and if Morris is now to move into coaching, his 17-year career could not have had a better climax. Morris is another of the game's nice guys. The Glamorgan team is full of them, which explains the popularity of their win and

Amid the celebrations of Saturday evening, Matthew Maynard, the captain, said: They have all been desperate for this moment. I have just guided the squad." This is an understatement, for Maynard has surprised many with his leadership. Instinctive and assertive, he has been fortunate to have a coach, in Duncan Fletcher, the Zimbabwean, whose thoughtful style provides a perfect counterpoint.

Maynard has led vibrantly with the bat, too, occasionally elevating the art to a level few can equal. Vulnerability is his charm, but his first-innings century at Taunton was sublime, an abiding memory of the season. Glamorgan have not only scored runs heavily crucially, they gained six more batting points than Kent -- but

also at great pace.
The very Weishness of the team, the fact that they see themselves as playing for a country as much as a county. has been in their favour. Every member of the closeknit dressing-room can recite the years - 1948 and 1969 when the title previously crossed the border. To expand the list is to achieve sporting immortality in Wales.

Glamorgan used only 14 players in their 17 matches. ed 13. Neither team suffered much from England calls or from injuries, but the exclusivity of the squads tells of a desire to play and of a bonded. inviolable unit. Leicestershire

SOMERSET: First Innings 252 (P D Bowle 63, M N Lultimet 62: Wagor Younts 4 for 41).

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BOWLING, Warper Young 11-0-84-0; Wasten 15-1-75-3; Thomas 15-2-38-5; Copier 11 4-3-34-1, Croft 18-5-51-1

found it impossible to repeat their success and the same may happen to Glamorgan. There was a sense, certainly, that this was their year, that the portents were right and the circumstances unsurpassable. They may struggle to replicate such a balance. What they have done, however, is rid themselves forever of the condescending jokes that pursued

On Saturday night, the players and their vocal supporters turned Taunton into a valleys town. Doubtless, they turned the cider into something stronger, too, Perhaps they reflected on the only other trophy the county has won since 1969, the Sunday league title of 1993, and the fact that it

them for so many downtrod-

was won at Canterbury. It was won, indeed, on the very pitch that Kent so controversially chose for this decisive championship round. It had not been used at all in the intervening four years and Kent must now be inclined to dig it up and send it to Wales.

BOWLING: Caddich, 34 4-5-132-4; Shine 17-3-88-2; Plose 29-3-152-1; Trolt, 11-0-74-3, Burns 7-0-65-0; Bowler 1-0-9-0.

Second innings

BOWLING: Caddick 1-0-5-Q Rose 0.2-0-

EDGBASTON (final day of four): Warwickshire (7pts)

drew with Northamptonshire

AN eighth-wicket stand of 120

between Ashley Giles and

Dougie Brown ensured that

Warwickshire preserved their

unbeaten championship

record at Edgbaston this sea-

son. The home side, however,

missed out on a third-place

finish, which would have tak-

en their prize-money for the

This was the last match to

finish yesterday and the pre-

vailing mood was of opti-

mism. If these two counties

are successful in their search

for overseas players, then the

same game next year will pit

Brian Lara against Shane

Without Allan Donald,

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SCOREBOARD FROM TAUNTON

Kent left with room for second thoughts

BY SIMON WILDE

FINISHING second can do funny things to the mind. The if-onlys not only keep occurring, they also take up residence, monopolising mental space that ought to be given over to rational thinking. Before you know it, you have a hang-up on your hands.

Don Revie, manager of the great Leeds United football team of the late Sixties and early Seventies, found it hard to retain his grip as they took one runners-up spot after another. The situation became so desperate that, in an effort to break the spell, he took to wearing particular clothes and approaching stadiums from a particular side of the street. It was all to no

As they woke yesterday morning. Kent's cricketers might have cast a knowing nod at the memory of the late Revie, if they had room to think about anything except the if-onlys of their second laces in the Benson and Hedges Cup. the Axa Life League and the Britannic Assurance county championship, which was lost on Saturday despite a good's day work at Canterbury to defeat Surrey by five wickets.

It is a remarkable record and one rarely approached in modern times ... except by Kent. Five years ago, they finished second in the championship and Benson and Hedges Cup, and since winning those same events in 1978 they have been second in the four county competitions 12 times, against which can be set a solitary, rather muted triumph in the 40-overs eague in 1995.

As for the championship, if only their top-order batting had functioned properly and Min Patel been fit; if only they had not inexplicably lost to Durham and allowed Northamptonshire to beat them by one wicket. Above all, if only they had managed to beat Somerset last month, Instead, with Kent batting, the scores finished level. It cost them eight points. As with Doug Sanders and the putt that cost him the Open Championship. it may be a while before Kent's players can go more than ten minutes without

thinking of the circumstances. The art to finishing second. of course, is to make sure it does not happen again. Steve Marsh, the redoubtable Kent captain, claims that his side will be stronger for the experience, that they have gained the respect of many opponents and learnt to play better in difficult situations. But they still have a long way to travel. Their performance in the Benson and Hedges Cup final in July was one of the most abject by any side in a Lord's final. Mark Ealham was nearer the truth when he said that it will be at least two months before they can look back on their season with any

FINAL TABLE

ning anything next year? Pos sibly, if Headley and McCague stay fit, if they strengthen their pot-holed batting — they are trying to sign Chris Adams from Derbyshire - and if they make the right choice of overseas player between Paul Strang and Carl Hooper. If their overly cautious as a result of the ten-point penalty, suspended for one year, that was rightly imposed for the pitch produced for the Surrey game. And if the scars of the past permit.

One of the worst things about coming second is dealing with the contingencies that were made for coming first. There was champagne in the home dressing-room at Saturday, just in case Glamorgan blew up at Taunton. so David Fulton, who scored a fine maiden championship century to set up Kent's vic tory, felt obliged to spray it around the balcony, though by then there was no chance of Somerset causing an upset. Kent must be getting used to drinking fizz with beavy

SCOREBOARD:

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BOWLPAC: Iggiesden 18-2-81-1; Thompson 23-1-112-3; Cathern 12-2-39-2; Flerrand 14-3-1-59-1; Philips 18-2-58-3; Wells 2-3 11-0

Second Innings

Total (5 wids) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-38, 2-63, 3-118, 4-201, 5-210.

BOWLING: Lewis 13.2-0-78-0; Beryamin 13-2-56-1; Holisake 8-7-38-0; Buscher 13-1-26-3; Selisbury 14-2-38-1; Amin 11-1-31-0 Umpres: T E Jesty and A G T Whitehead

Middlesex call off chase after taking early blows

CHELMSFORD (final day of four): Essex (9pts) drew with Middlesex (10)

THE Essex faithful love their cricket and yesterday, clinging to the remnants of the summer sunshine and their last fix of action for seven months, they turned up in numbers in the hope, if not the expectation, of a gripping run-chase on the Unfortunately, it was not to

be. Set 267 to win from what turned out to be a possible 51 overs, Middlesex slipped to 21 for three after seven overs and. when Mike Gatting was bowled by Paul Grayson just before tea, they opted to shut up shop in the final session and lost out on their chance of 3 a top-three finish.

Disappointing as it may have been, it was no great surprise that the game petered out after both sides had bumbled their way through the first three days with no obvious signs of purpose or intent. It was a laid-back, cucumbersandwich kind of a match, the type threatened with extinonon by the two-division

proposal. li did. however, have its moments, not least of which was a 12-minute appearance at the crease by Mark Ramprakash, who arrived from his wife's bedside, where she was expecting the birth of their him.



first child, to launch the Middlesex chase. Awkward deliveries were the order of the day. however, and he soon popped

headed off again.

up a catch to short leg and

Darren Robinson and Nasser Hussain spent much of the morning stretching their second-wicket partnership to 213 before Hussain top-edged a pull off Hewitt and was caught by Brown, the wicketkeeper. Hussain's 104 was only his second hundred for the county this year, but bearing in mind that it was only his seventeenth championship innings and that he also made two hundreds against Australia, it has not been such a bad season for

Robinson also made it into three figures for the second time and played with a solidity which suggests that next season he will cement his position as Graham Gooch's successor at the top of the order. His 134 came off 280 balls and included 16 fours and a six.

Stuart Law, the one man you would have bet on to finish the season with a bang, made just a single before edging a catch to Brown, but he has had another fine summer in all competitions and the members will doubtless raise a glass at the news that he will be back again next

Law has accepted a one-year contract and will sign it before returning to Australia this

For Middlesex it has been a season of development and two of their younger lights shone in this match. David Nash, their 19-year-old wicketkeeper-batsman, made his maiden century on Saturday and followed it up with a wicket off his first ball in firstclass cricket.

Mark flott was the victim, caught in the covers by Owais Middlesex's other young gun. Shah later underlined his burgeoning talent with a well-crafted 54 not out before the captains concluded the season with seven overs

Hampshire fail to last the distance

By John Thicknesse

SOUTHAMPTON (final day of four): Worcestershire (24pts) beat Hampshire (3) by nine

ONCE Matthew Hayden dragged an intended straightdrive to mid-on in the first half-hour, there was never a moment when Hampshire looked like stopping Worces-tershire from beating them and not many, sad to say, when it seemed to concern them whether they did or not. In conditions only a little less favourable for batting than when Graeme Hick and Tom Moody shared their unbroken partnership of 438 on the first two days. Hampshire's lack of resolution was

sickening. Their's may not sound, or look, too bad a score, but since it was only when Aymes, at No 7, was dismissed that a batsman was out playing defensively - as opposed to making a present of his wicket through an ill-con-ceived or misplayed attacking stroke, or through lack of application - it can be recknned to be at least 100 below par for the conditions. Credit all the same to

Worcestershire for taking full advantage of what Hampshire were offering. This was their fourth win in seven games, which was enough to lift them from tenth to third and pip Yorkshire, Middlesex and Warwickshire. It was an even more one-sided game than the margin implies, since Worcestershire lost only three wickets in scoring 626 runs in

Restarting yesterday at 127 for one, 99 behind after being forced to follow on, Hampshire needed Hayden and White to get through the first hour's play. How little help Moody considered the pitch would give his seam bowlers was reflected by his decision to start with the spinners, Illingworth and Hick - and so little indication did either give of being able to take an early wicket that after ten overs, costing 36 runs, he turned them round; despite the fact that from their new ends the breeze was blowing from the wrong quarter for their drift.

Warne, When Hayden succumbed The contest was shaped in the first hour when Warwickto the first ball of Hick's new spell, however, it proved to be shire passed the follow-on target of 222. Cheap runs for an inspired decision. From both sides followed and 163 for one Hampshire subsided to 189 for four. White Fordham, who is taking up a becoming Hick's second vicposition with the England and Wales Cricket Board, ended tim when he missed a sweep. and Whitaker his third. his career by scoring 85 of the howled through a loose defeneasiest runs imaginable in 30 minutes against a bowling sive stroke. With Illingworth settling into a 32-over spell attack of Ostler and Knight. that was to bring him three Warwickshire had prepared a for 29, Hampshire slid to defeat without honour. The pitch to help the slow bowlers. Jason Brown and Michael middle order's lack of fight was shown up when the last Davies clearly anticipated tak-

two wickets added 54.

Warwickshire keep clean sheet as runs come easy

Are Kent capable of win-

BY RICHARD HOBSON



of Northamptonshire's bowling, and ultimately it was a little too much for either. Yet the young spinners could not have imagined that the newball attack would carve so deeply into the top order when Warwickshire sought 271 to win in what turned out to be 64 overs.

stock and strike bowler these away off the pitch. Knight dragged the sixth ball of the Hemp fell leg-before and Wagh faced a stern challenge

Taylor: all-purpose bowler

A mixture of circumstances

notably the conspicuous failure of Mohammad Akram, has forced Taylor to be both last five months. In his first spell here, he swung the ball into the right-hander and cut it innings on to his off stump.

to technique and temperament before the left-arm seamer took his sweater. Smith, meanwhile, had fall-

en to Curran, the acting cap-tain, and when Wagh edged an outswinger by Penberthy to Fordham at slip Warwickshire were 54 for four, seemingly out of contention. Yet this side is more resilient than most. Ostler. for example, has endured a lean time, accumulating just 310 runs in his previous 20 championship innings, but chose an appropriate time to record his second half-century of the season in the competition.

He put on 65 in 18 overs with Penney before he perished attempting to paddle away Davies against the spin. Northamptonshire could afford to retain an attacking field even when the fifth wicket pair sought to accelerate and Penney, having driven Brown over long-on, offered a simple catch to silly mid-off.

Piper was bowled middle stump by Brown in the next over, the third wicket to fall for seven runs, but Brown and Giles, striking firmly off his legs, restored order. Giles survived a chance to silly point on 22 and continued to strike the ball handsomely. Brown, too, drove forcefully off the front foot before being stumped in the final over with

West Ham's progress hampered by Given

North East, who await proof that Kenny Dalglish is a good, never mind great, manager. Four English championships are dispar-aged as inadmissible evidence on the spurious grounds that his Liverpool success owed everything to a lavish inheritance, his Blackburn Rovers triumph to outspending rather than outplaying the rest. It has not been a good week for the

First, of course, came that unfor-gettable night of European triumph over the might of Barcelona. a victory that even Manchester United must have watched with envy. However, Dalglish's claim that he took as much pleasure from the fortunate win at Upton Park on Saturday can be taken at face value because he, of all people, knows where Newcastle's priorities lie this season and it is not abroad, despite the glory and glamour.



Barnes: mesmeric

For those who recall Blackburn's often ungainly scramble for the championship three seasons ago, this game brought back familiar, if not always stirring, memories. Pretty it was not, but then how many prizes did Rovers win for artistic merit as they scrapped and scuffled their way to the FA CArling Premiership trophy?

No. Newcastle did not deserve their victory, as even Dalglish admitted and, yes, it was more down to poor finishing on West Ham's part than dogged defendminutes every bit as much as in the final 20 minutes on Wednesday night, they should not have been allowed the chance to steal the points with one mesmerising flash of John Barnes's left boot. That they were was in great part down to Shay Given, the goalkeeper, who could prove Dalglish's most significant signing since he took Alan Shearer to Ewood Park.

Signing Given from his former employer at Blackburn was one of



WEST HAM UNITED 0 **NEWCASTLE UNITED 1** By Matt Dickinson

the first decisions that Dalglish made when he took over at St James' Park and he would have been happy to have spent considerably more than the £1.5 million it took to lure him through a tribunal.

At that price, Given looks a steal. In 28 league games, starting with loan spells at Swindon Town and Sunderland and including just two for Blackburn, the 21-year-old has kept a remarkable 19 clean sheets, a formidable record. His arrival in place of the erratic Shaka Hislop and Pavel Smicek has brought reassurance to a back four still prone to errors but now, more often than not, getting away with them.

By no means as dominant a figure as David Seaman or Peter Schmeichel, Given lacks the physical presence to barge his way through a packed penalty area. His shot-saving, though, aided by a gymnast's broad-shouldered build and athleticism to match, appears second to none.

Harry Redknapp was under-standably frustrated at his team's inability to turn their superiority into points. "What can you do? We came away with nothing from Old Trafford last week and now we've played well again and got beaten," West Ham manager said. "We're all over them and suddenly they score a goal like that after 44 minutes. What had they done to be in the lead?"

However, Redknapp was lucid enough to appreciate that it was also a defeat of his team's own making. Having squandered enough chances to have won several matches, poor defending saw all three central defenders sucked into the attempt to shackle Faustino Asprilla on the edge of the penalty

Colombian rolled the ball back and the 33-year-old flashed his left foot across the ball to curl it spectacularly into the top corner. For all the talk of Newcastle's good fortune, there was nothing lucky about that. There was nothing lucky about that. West HAM UNITED (3-6-2): L Mitdelso — D Unsworth, R Ferdmand, I Peards — T Breacher (aub M Hughes, 48mm), S Lomas, F Lampard, E Seriovic (aub. 'S Potto, 71), S Lozarida — J Hartson, I Dowle — S Watson, D Peacock, P Albert, J Berestord — K Gridespie, D Bathy, R Lee, W Berton, J Barnes (sub's Howey, 70) — F Asprila.



Asprilla, who fought a lone battle in attack, finds his route to goal blocked by Unsworth

Liverpool let off the hook

SOME days you should never have got out of bed. You tried to stack a shelf, the whole lot came crashing down; you tried to change a light bulb, the house went dark: Auntie Maude said: "Can you pass the gravy, dear?" and you dropped it all over that expensive new carpet. Liverpool had one of those days on Saturday.

Here was a team composed almost entirely of internationals playing with all the assurance of teenagers at a youth club disco; dressed in all the right gear, looking cool as they sip their lemonade and then edging uncomfortably out of the shadows to dance like Mr Bean. There were spells when Liverpool looked the then the ball would drop at the feet of a yellow-clad figure. He would stare at it for a moment, his knees would wobble and then the moment, and the ball, were gone.

Nor could anyone claim that they were exempt. While the defenders, Wright and Matteo, were worst afflicted, everybody had his turp. Take McManaman. Here was a player who scored the goal of his life on Tuesday. perhaps the goal of the season. In



SOUTHAMPTON 1 LIVERPOOL 1 By Peter Robinson

the 21st minute he robbed Le Tissier and set off again, across the halfway line. Riedle to his left, Owen to his right, two confused defenders in front of him, the goalkeeper off his line, time to flat on his face. Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, excused his most creative player, but he must have been pulling his hair out.

It has to be said that Evans was not a happy bunny. He called his players careless but he could have said lazy, listless, sloppy or clumsy. "I wasn't very pleased," he said. "We defended badly, we haven't played too much, either. I suppose when you make as many mistakes as we did, we have to be happy that

some fortune in that." Southampton could hardly believe their luck. Stranded at the foot of the FA Carling Premiership, they were almost ecstatic to have so outplayed their visitors.

Had they made the most of Liverpool's largesse, they would have won 4-1 or more, but no matter, having gone behind to Riedle's expert first-half header, they fought back for a point - a good So was Le Tissier's return, albeit

abbreviated by a hamstring strain. and so was the form of Kevin Dayies, a big, 20-year-old striker who scored the equaliser, turning Wright every which way before had chances to win the game, too. notably when Thomas dithered and allowed him to test James from close range. James passed. Not many of his team-mates could say the same.

SOUTHAMPTON (4-3-1-2): P. Jones — J. Dodd, K. Monkou, C. Lumdekvam, F. Berrali — A. Neison, k. Richardson, M. Osidey — M. Le. Tesser (sub. J. Bowen, 42mm, sub. A. Williams, 74) — K. Daves. M.

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LIVERPOOL (3-5-2)* D James — B T kvarne, M
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Berger, 69), M Owan (sub* R Fowler, 60)
Referee: P Jones

Guile of Ginola puts smile on Tottenham faces

FOOTBALL is a mysterious game and this match, mediocre though it was, showed as much. On the face of it. Tottenham Hotspur should have stood little chance. So many of their strikers were missing -Armstrong, Ferdinand and Iversen among them — that they had only Paul Mahorn, a 24-year-old reserve, up front.

Mahorn had scored a breathless winner in the Coca-Cola Cup against Carlisle United in midweek, but at White Hart Lane on Saturday it was the first time he had started in an FA Carling Premiership match. He has been out on loan to four different clubs in previous seasons.

Moreover, Tottenham had looked very shaky against Carlisle

and shakier still four days earlier, when they lost 3-0 at Leicester City.
True, Blackburn Rovers that

weekend had lost what Roy Hodgson, their manager, called "a strange game", 4-3 at home to Leeds United. He must have had a nasty sense of dėja vu because last season.

when he was manager of Internazionale, however hard he worked on the training ground his defence never quite seemed to get the point. The rotten-banana syngrome persisted in a flat back four that kept on splitting and getting its offside tactics wrong. In the end, Hodgson, who turned down Blackburn last November to sign a princely new contract with Inter. walked out in despair before the

Against Preston North End in the Coca-Cola Cup last Wednesday. Blackburn banged in six goals without reply. They came to White Hart Lane as the leading scorers in the Premiership. All this suggested that they were on a good thing against a demoralised Tottenham, although neither Ripley nor Gallacher, recently in fine form, were available to play on the Blackburn right wing.

In the event, as Hodgson admitted with typical modesty, they were lucky not to lose. Tottenham came out fighting, showing all the courage and commitment that had given them a draw away to Arsenal. On that occasion, Edinburgh's dismissal had left them with ten men for most of the game a very different proposition, as their manager. Gerry Francis. observed, from playing ten men for the last II minutes, as Blackburn did when Valery, their right back, was dismissed after receiving a

second yellow card. ing was fair, but not the second. In truth. Valery could have been sent off in the first half for a foul much worse than either of the others.

All in all. Blackburn did tend to put it about. Hodgson admitted to "desperate defending from our side and when you defend desperately you get yellow cards". Quite.

Much of this desperation was caused by David Ginola, who had one of those days when his manifold, undoubted talents came to-



TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR 0 BLACKBURN ROVERS 0

By Brian Glanville

gether gloriously. Those of us who have admired him since he outshone the likes of Gascoigne and Stoichkov in the Toulon Under-21 tournament nine years ago could feel vindicated.

Francis was delighted. "He's always been a talented player," he said. Great skills, great ability, but what we've tried to put into him is the fighting side. He's tackling back, he's being strong, he's going through tackles."
Whether he was casually

chesting down difficult balls, belting long, cross-field passes or surging past defenders with his right-foot guile. Ginola was outstanding and, as Hodgson conceded, well supported by two other



Hodgson: work to do

lively ball players in Dominguez and Fox.

Indeed, were it not for two notable saves by Tim Flowers in a first half run by Tottenham, the home side surely would have won. After 16 minutes, from a corner by Ginola. Howells, at the second attempt, shot fiercely but Flowers turned it over the top. This the goalkeeper did again a few minutes from half-time, when Dominguez shot from the right. Almost at once. when Mabbutt, resilient as ever, flicked on another Ginola corner. the line.

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Campbell, run ragged by Heskey at Leicester, had no such trouble with Sutton. "We've still got an awful lot of work to do," Hodgson

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Managing to maintain perspective



ASTON VILLA 2 DERBY COUNTY 1 By Russell Kempson

MANAGERS ... don't you just love 'em? The Arfur Daley duckers and divers, the Walter Mitty dunces and dreamers, the Honest Joe workaholic toilers: football embraces them all, from the slickest manipulator to the naive novice. They shape the hopes of clubs and communities everywhere, buying confidence and selling dreams.

At the head of the breed sit Brian Little, of Aston Villa, and Jim Smith, of Derby County. Decent, honorable men who share a passion for the game, express it with candour and bring credit to an often maligned trade. Little, 43, only halfway up the managerial ladder: Smith, 56, approaching the final rung. Yet joined at the hip in approach, attitude and outlook,

One of their first meetings came in 1979, when Smith, the Birmingham City manager, tried to sign Little, the Aston Villa forward. A £610,000 fee was agreed but Little, already possessing a highly developed attention for detail. needed to discuss the finer points of his role at St Andrew's. As Smith had departed for a family

holiday, Little set off for Portugal. Handshakes were exchanged by a beach in the Algarve and the deal was done. It was only on Little's return home that the move turned sour. He failed the medical and, effectively, his playing career was over, prematurely.

Much water has since passed under the bridge and, at Villa Park on Saturday, Smith and Little again renewed acquaintances. Villa registered their third successive victory in the FA Carling Premiership, perhaps fortunately, as Derby rued a I-0 lead squandered and a temporary, costly

loss of concentration in the second half.

Nobody ranted or rayed, though:



Yorke attempts to double his tally with a spectacular strike against Derby County at Villa Park on Saturday

neither victor nor vanquished peered through rose-tinted spectacles and offered banal excuses or ridiculous predictions. Sensible, considered opinions were passed in calm, measured tones. It was a glimpse of kindred spirits, at ease in the spotlight.

"I don't know whether we're out of our bad patch." Little said, referring to the four consecutive defeats that blighted Villa's start to the season. "I don't think we've really turned the corner, we've still got some catching up to do."

Smith contemplated his side's weaknesses. "We've got to pass better," he said. "We've got to take the pressure off in midfield and up front. Although Villa never looked like scoring, the law of averages says that something could happen. We've got to sort it out and, if that means having to sign new players. Little, grey of hair and suit, is the

more reserved of the pair, almost Majoresque in his demeanour. Were the world to end in a nuclear holocaust, he would greet it with: "What was that bang?" Smith, bald and occasionally brash, lights a cigar and talks quietly through the growing haze with insight and humour. "Poom? Yeah, he made some good saves," he said of his Estonia goalkeeper, "but he gets

enough practice." For three quarters of a gentle encounter, Derby clung on to Balano's early goal, scooped in at the second attempt after Ehiogu's misdirected

header and Bosnich's unconvincing challenge. Villa eased their mounting fears, in the space of three minutes, when Yorke hooked in Collymore's nod-down and Joachim stroked in Nelson's cross.

It was almost much ado about nothing, really, in a week-in, week-out world of hype and hysteria. At least Smith and Little could keep it all in perspective. Two managers, good managers, doing a good job.

ASTON VILLA (3.5-2): M Bosnich — U Ehlogu, S Steurfon Isub Fi Science, 86mm), G Southgate — F Nelson, M Draper, I Taylor, S Curcle (sub: J Josephim, 68), A Winght — S Callymore (sub: S Milosevic, 89), D Yorke.

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Assanovic, 61), P Trollope, C Powell — D Sauntdge (sub.
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EVERTON 4

BARNSLEY 2

Temperamental display curries little favour with Hoddle as double sending-off ignites derby passions

Beckham guilty of spice overdose



BOLTON WANDERERS O MANCHESTER UNITED 0 By David Maddock

THE sooner the Government introduces its legislation to control quarrelsome neighbours, the bet-Bolton Wanderers and Manchester United squared up over the garden sence at the Reebok Stadium on Saturday and, as is the way in these squabbles, the local law enforcer became the villain of the piece.

The two red cards delivered by Paul Durkin, and the six yellows to add to the 18 that he had already issued this season, saw both protagonists forget their row and target the referee. But if Durkin is overzealous, he probably got it right on this occasion. Most of the bookings were justified and the red card issued to Nathan Blake, the irritable Bolton forward, was warranted.

So too, in all probability, was that flashed in the direction of Gary Pallister. Alex Ferguson, his manager, said that television would show Pallister did not throw a punch, but while the evidence was inconclusive, the cameras did at least show that Blake had provoked Pallister with a crude challenge from behind.

Pallister is unlikely to have his sending-off rescinded by the Football Association and there can hardly be an inquiry into a socalled brawl because there was none, just the usual pushing and shoving associated with derby

Only one character deserved condemnation for his conduct. It was a Manchester United midfield player who seemed intent on becoming involved in physical exchanges with his opponents. The culprit? No, it was not Roy Keane, but David Beckham. The golden boy of English football is beginning to earn an altogether less-flattering nickname of "Bosh Spice", such



Pallister is restrained after the incident involving Blake that led to both players being dismissed. Photograph: Shaun Botterill/Allsport

summer by Glenn Hoddle about an impetuous streak that attracted too many bookings. If the England manager witnessed this display, he will be a worried man as he ponders his team to play in Italy next month.

Hoddle cannot afford to select any player who will respond to provocation in Rome. Here, Beckham was too easily roused by Bolton supporters delighting in his anger. It is a familiar theme for

to have been sent off after the crowd had provoked him into a series of late challenges that, had there not already been two red cards, would surely have incurred the referee's

Perhaps even more worrying for Hoddle is that Beckham was totally ineffective in a central midfield role and has yet to suggest that he is comfortable in that position for his

If the dismissed players were to be condemned for anything other desperately dull. Bolton's loss was

than rising passions, then it should be for spoiling what had, until the 34th minute, been a mildly entertaining contest. Pollock had been given a perfect opportunity to score within ten minutes when Schmeichel dropped a corner by Sellars, but shot wide of an open goal. Soon after, Frandsen clipped the top of the United crossbar with a free kick, while at the other end, Cole twice shot weakly wide.

What followed, however, was

the greater because Blake was their only real attacking threat and the home side was forced to settle for a draw. United, for their part, took the initiative, but with Cole ploughing a lone furrow up front, they failed to penetrate.

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Referer P Durkin.

Coventry let golden opportunity slip away



SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY O COVENTRY CITY 0 By Richard Hobson

with circumstances in their favour,

will reflect upon two points lost

There was never a better time to

face Sheffield Wednesday, who

remain second from bottom of the

FA Carling Premiership. "Some-

times when things go against you, the hope is just to avoid defeat,"

David Pleat, the manager, said.

Last season we had a settled side,

won the first four games and took

This time I have had to change the

Pleat's problems at Hillsborough

on Saturday began when Atherton

hurt his knee in the pre-match

Atherton's fitness - and then watched him hobble off in the

seventeenth minute. Five minutes

later, Pressman, the goalkeeper,

followed along the same path after

The injury list would test the esources of the richest club.

Happily for Pleat, and despite the

boos at the end of a forgettable

encounter, most supporters appear to accept the mitigating circum-

Carbone will return after suspen-

sion for the home game against

Derby County on Wednesday. He

will partner Di Canio, who caused

persistent problems here, his slick

control creating space in crowded

on the hour when Ogrizovic fumbled a shot on to the bar.

routine. Pleat gambled

overstretching his grain.

rather than one gained.

team for every game."

By Nick Szczepanik IF THIS game had been played SOMEHOW one expected someunder golden-goal rules, then Gary thing wittier from Merseysiders than chants of "Going down"; but nave blown the final whistle today. the fact that it took 84 minutes to The finishing of both sides was lamentable and Coventry City, occur to them was a tribute to Barnsley, whom Everton had been

unable to subdue until then. "I'm not too downhearted," Danny Wilson, the Barnsley manager, said after this FA Carling Premiership encounter at Goodison Park on Saturday, "We caused them a lot of nervous moments and quietened the crowd for long periods and we have to take confidence from that."

But Wilson must do something about his team's defending, judging by the straightforward header Gary Speed was allowed, from Hincheliffe's corner, to give Everton an early lead.

Barnsley, who had no fair means of combating the aerial power of Duncan Ferguson. gained an unexpected equaliser when Neil Redfearn's Alst-minute deflected shot looped over Paul Gerrard.

Ten minutes later, Danny Cadamarteri, Bradford-born, 17-year-old and dreadlocked, volleyed in a Ferguson header to crown a livewire debut. "He did ever so well and deserved his goal," Howard Kendail, the

Everton manager, enthused. Barnsley, for all their passing craft, could have done with any sort of striker: Nick Barmby, for example. When Ferguson flicked the ball on again, in the 75th minute, Barmby's run ended after a challenge from Marcelle, which Gerald Ashby, the referee, saw as a

The way Di Canio glided past Williams, after using his heel to lob penalty, converted by Speed. "Absolutely never a penalty in a the defender on the run, was million years and he Ashby sublime and deserved a better knows it wasn't," Wilson said. "I spoke to him afterwards; the finish. Nicol came closest to scoring comment was: What was the penalty for? You knew full well he Gordon Strachan, the Coventry was diving.' He said, 'Well, your lads have been doing it all after-

manager, says he tolerates mis-It took a second Barnsley goal, a reasons. This is just as well for Salako, who squandered four good fierce, angled shot by Barnard, to chances, although Clarke, the subrouse Everton again. Oster running on to Barmby's pass to beat a stitute goalkeeper, can take credit defender and roll in the fourth. "I for his save in the 89th minute. don't think there was much to With Whelan and Huckerby to choose between the teams," Wilson come in and Hall emerging. Coventry ought not to be embroiled in said. Apart from Ferguson, Cadamarteri, Speed, Barmby ... another relegation struggle. Nei-

EVERTON (3-4-1-2)* P Gonard — C Short, D Wasson, S Bits — G Situat D VAlliamson, (sub: G Forelly, 60mm), G Spect, A Hindrichte — N Benniby — D Ferguson, D Cadamanon (sub: J Oster, 73)

ther should Wednesday. SHEFFRELD WEDNESDAY (4-4-2) K Presoman (sub M Clarke 22mm) — I Noten, J Newsome, D Walker, S Nocel — G Whitneysem, J Magdion (sub S Oakes, 73mmin), P Alberton (sub W Collins, 17). M Pembridge — P Di Cerno, D Hirst COVENTRY (14-42) S Ognzovic — R Niscon, R Shaw, P Willems, D Burrour, — P Teller, T E Solvecti (sub: W Botand, 61mm), G McAlletter, H Had — D Dubbin, J Seloko, Redmark G William Oster, 731

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G Hestov, 59), A Licidell

Glitzy Leeds again prove generous to a fault AS MINE hosts, Leeds United are ing abates and a goal is scored. It is in consecutive matches and this as anyone in the League. They were

gins with the provision of enough parking space to meet the demands of a busy airport. Out on the pitch, cheerleaders dance in the centre circle before kick-off and a male singer, complete with ponytail. performs Wet Wet Wet songs to an uninterested crowd.

The players appear and within a few minutes this all-singing, alldancing revue begins to look decidedly downbeat. Sure, the effort is apparent, but it seems to be focused on inflicting as many bruises as possible on the shins and calves of

Suddenly, the kicking and shov-

unsurpassed in the FA Carling a dull goal, a formulaic goal: a the net, 1-0 to Leicester City. Walsh leaves the field injured three minutes later, job done.

Half-time allows Leeds another chance to play the obliging hosts. Not for them dehydrated triangles posing as sandwiches, instead the gratis fill-up in the press room is a savoury hot meal. Back in the stands, supporters check under their seats for lucky tickets offering free entry to the next home match. No one appears to be looking too

Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink. a player born to be dubbed "mercurial", does not appear after the break.



LEEDS UNITED 0 LEICESTER CITY 1

By Mark Hodkinson This might have been foretold, since the latest issue of the official

Leeds magazine carries the front-page headline: "Jimmy Jimmy —

the start of a beautiful relation-

ship". He has now been substituted

could be the start of one of those that habitually descend upon Elland Road.

The futile scurrying continues and despite Leeds's urgency, Leicester come closest to scoring when Heskey forces Martyn to dive across his goal. Leeds are rightly jeered as they leave the pitch: their supporters have discerned that this is ineptitude with fairy lights.

George Graham, the manager wears the smile of a man who has seen something beautiful pass his way. He has seen a vision in blue. the Leicester defence. "I am quite well up on defences," he says, and grins. "They are probably as good

BY OLIVER HOLT

from their dispiriting start

and Liverpool are beginning to show a few flashes of the

form they hoped would propel

them towards a championship

challenge this season. Neither

side, though, has hit the

heights expected of thera, but

this match could provide a

catalyst for a change. Some of the inspiration

Liverpool would have hoped

to gain from Steve McMan-

aman's bravura goal against Celtic in the Uefa Cup last

Tuesday was dissipated by the

lacklustre I-I draw with

Southampton at The Dell on

Saturday. After his own

goalscoring heroics, Liver-

pool's striking prodigy, Michael Owen, looks as if he may

Robbie Fowler made his

first appearance of the season

as a substitute at Southamp-

ton and although Roy Evans,

the Liverpool manager, said it

was too early to give him a full

game against Villa, the for-

ward, who has had a knee

problem, is likely to play some

The match will see the

return of Stan Collymore to

his old stamping ground.

Collymore, who enjoyed an

ambiguous relationship with

some of his team-mates at

Anfield but was popular with

the crowd, is likely to get a

rough reception from the fans

after he criticised some of the

Liverpool players when he

million, apparently concurred

moved to Villa Park.

part in the proceedings.

need a breather.

outstanding and very, very strong.

His own team is bereft of intelligence. Only Kewell, a substitute, was prepared to pause and put some thought into his distribution. On the way out of the press lounge, a smart young man in a club blazer bids everyone a fond farewell. Leeds United: wonderful manners, shame about the football.

ITHAUTHER'S, STAITHE SLOUGH THE FOOLDAM.

LEEDS LIMITED (3-5-2): N Martyn — D Wetherall,
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LEICESTER CITY (3-5-2): K Kaller — S Pror, M
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for Collymore ASTON Villa have recovered

LIVERPOOL v **ASTON VILLA** Tonight (8.0)

to be desperate to prove a point against him.

Collymore's partnership with Dwight Yorke is showing signs of gelling, and, after a parlous start. Villa have won their past three league games and gained a creditable 0-0 draw at Bordeaux in the Uefa

Cup. Sasa Curcic, their rebel midfield player, seems to have had some sort of overnight conversion to his new team and is playing with renewed commitment. On Saturday, he started his first game for the club this season and his midfield partnership with Mark Draper may start to provide the animunition that

Collymore and Yorke need. With both teams struggling to find their form, it is likely to be a close encounter, but with home advantage. Fowler on the way back, Riedle fresh from another fine goal against Southampton, McManaman edging back towards his best and the added impetus given by the return of Collymore, Liverpool should be too strong

Collymore, who cost E7.5 for their visitors. LIVERPOOL (3-5-2): D.Jamos -- M.Winght, B.T. Kvarme, D. Metteo -- J. McAteer M. Thomas, P. Ince, S. McManarman, S. Bjornebye -- M. Owen, k. Paradle

with the assessment of some newspapers that the Liverpool ASTON VILLA (3-6-2): M Bosnuch — U Enlogu, G Southgale, S Staunton — F Nelson, M Draper, S Curoc, I Taylor, A Wright — D Yorke S Collymore. players were behaving like socalled Spice Boys and his former team-mates are likely



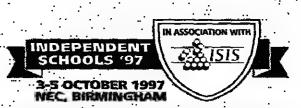
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CRYSTAL PALACE 1 By Keith Pike

TO BORROW a phrase from Edmund Blackadder, this game started badly, tailed off a little in the middle and the less said about the end the better - but, apart from that, excellent. Nor did it require a cunning plan to win it, merely a cool head. Cue Attilio Lombardo.

For 80 minutes, the match had passed him by. Once the midfield workhorse to the attacking thoroughbreds of Sampdoria and Juventus, now saddled with the responsibility of inspiring the sellingplaters that proliferate at Crystal Palace, Lombardo had been balked at every turn by a Wimbledon team at its cussed, unimaginative worst in a cluttered, shapeless, error-strewn derby of unrelenting tedium.

Twice, Lombardo had discovered space where none had existed before. Each time, the shock proved too much: one shot that dribbled apologetically into Neil Sullivan's arms, another volleyed from 30 yards with more than a hint of desperation that passed just the wrong side of a vertical white stick. This one, though, had a flag on it. Goal kick or throw-in? Lombardo had al-

ready turned away in disgust. But his wife and young son were in the stand, watching him in the FA Carling Pre-

The state of the s

miership for the first time, and Lombardo was not to be denied a third time. When Gordon crossed low from the left, and when Sullivan blocked at Freedman's feet, the ball ran loose and Lombardo threaded his shot away from the goalkeeper and between two cover-

ing defenders. A thing of great beauty it was not, and it came too late to rescue a game that exposed the rump of mediocrity below the fillet end of the Premiership, but its relevance was not lost on Lombardo who, having scored more eye-catching goals in Palace's away victories over Everton and Leeds United, now had his first at his

new Selhurst Park home. Perhaps no one had told him that Palace were, in fact, still the visitors; he ran to celebrate with the fans at the Holmesdale Road end, which, being Wimbledon territory for the day, gestured him on his way. Or perhaps it was just Italian humour. According to Steve Coppell, the Palace manager, his very own Bald Eagle "can often be seen giggling in the corner of the dressingroom with Ray Wilkins, his match-day interpreter, when I am talking about something

Lombardo ensured, though, that Palace - having hit the post through Linighan, lost Tuttle with a suspected broken leg and played what little cultured football there was had the last laugh.

had the last laugh:

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Shipperley, 86)
Referee: P Alcock

inquiry findings

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

FRANK McLINTOCK yesterday denied the findings of the Premier League Commission of Inquiry that he had given £50,000 in cash to Nottingham Forest as part of the deal that took Teddy Sheringham to Tottenham Hotspur.

The inquiry team found that McLintock, acting as Sheringham's agent in the transfer, had received the cash, authorised by Terry Venables, then the Tottenham chief executive, and passed it to Ronnie Fenton, the Nottingham Forest assistant

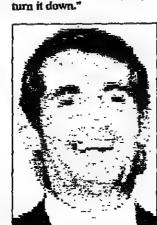
manager, at a hotel meeting. McLintock, Fenton and Sheringham have been accused in the inquiry report of lying to the inquiry team, denying that the meeting had taken place and then giving misleading accounts about what happened. The report claims that Fenton had shared the cash out among

Nottingham Forest staff. Yesterday, McLintock vehemently rejected the inquiry findings into his part in the 1992 deal and maintained that his conduct had been above board. McLintock agreed that he had received the cash from Tottenham, but said that it was money he was due and that it had been declared through the accounts of his company, First Wave Sports Management.

"There was nothing underhand at all," McLintock said. Everything was above board. I had been working for Spurs for the best part of a year. The culmination of that work was signing Teddy Sheringham for the club. "Other agents will tell you

that you don't always get paid

for the work you do for a club but that deal gave me a chance to put pressure on Spurs. I told them that I wanted some money and that if I didn't get it, the transfer wouldn't go through. But I didn't ask for cash. The money had to be declared to the tax and VAT authorities and a banker's draft would have done. It came as cash, even though I hadn't asked for that, and I wasn't going to



McLintock: accused

Regarding the report's findings that he had attempted to mislead the inquiry, McLintock added: "That meeting wasn't hidden at all. From day one, I told the fraud squad and the inquiry that I had a meeting because Fenton had the medical papers.

"There's no question of me ever saying there was no meeting. To suggest 1 did is absolutely astounding. These findings are all based on rumour, innuendo and hearsay. Nothing would stand up in a court of law."

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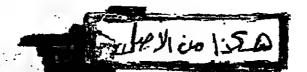
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FOOTBALL: BEAGRIE'S DISMISSAL ALLOWS CHARLTON SMOOTH PASSAGE TO VICTORY AT THE VALLEY

Mendonca punishes unruly Bradford

Bradford City

By Russell Kempson

BRADFORD City's early climb to the top of the Nationwide League has proved one of the more endearing stories of the season so far. After all, it was only four months ago that they had to win their last two matches, and did, to preserve their first-division status.

Yesterday, against Charlton Athletic at The Valley, Bradford undid much of their good work and mutilated any good work and mutilated any romantic image that they might have built up during their successful struggle for survival. A pathetic display of petulance in the second half, culminating in Beagrie's dismissed in the Second petulance. missal in the 55th minute, left a taste as sour as it had been sweet back in May.
At least Chris Kamura, the

Bradford manager, conceded as much when he later analysed the hectic proceedings. "It was stupid, we became very indisciplined," he said. Once Peter had been sent off, the game was over,"

With Charlton winning 3-1, and not a hint of trouble, the game took a nasty turn after half-time as peny squabbles degenerated into a series of physical confrontations. In a six-minute spell, four players were booked - three from Bradford — and Beagrie was ordered off for a late challenge on Robinson. He had been cautioned only moments

"Peter had been our best player in the first half, but you can't do that just after you've been booked." Kamara said. "He claims he didn't touch Robinson but he shouldn't have gone in like that. It was

Indeed, it was game over. From a position of possibly retrieving the deficit, and perhaps securing the victory that would have returned them to the top, Bradford were reduced to scrambling around to



Beagrie, the Bradford City winger, is shown the red card after committing his second bookable offence yesterday. Photograph: Allsport

avoid a rout. That only one more goal was added, from Mendonca in the 69th minute, was more due to weak finishing than defiant defence.

Yet Charlton's triumph was hugely merited. They had long assumed control before Beagrie's departure and their rise to sixth place is no accident. Wins against Manchester City, Norwich City and now Bradford, from their previous

four fixtures, have confirmed their wellbeing.
"I don't think the sending-

off should cloud our performance, even if he was one of their most influential players." Alan Curbishley, the Charlton manager, said. "We kept our composure and it was a good display overall. It's nice that we're playing so well, but it's a bit too early to get carried

Charlton took 11 minutes to make the breakthrough, when Mendonca latched on to Kinsella's flick, turned past Dreyer and drove in his sixth goal of the season. The lead lasted only three minutes. however, with Bradford equalising when Edinho, the Brazilian striker, appeared to head in Beagrie's cross. Television evidence later proved that he

Within II minutes, though, Mortimer had restored Charlton's advantage, beating three defenders before hitting a low shot past Prudhoe. With Bradford hardly having had time to draw breath, Brown made it 3-1 with a searing 30-vard drive.

After the second-half argybargy had subsided, Mendonca slotted in Robinson's cross for his fifth goal in two

bargain as he channelled his

aggression into some thrilling

raids down the Peterborough

madic Northern Ireland inter-

national, who had scored 185

goals in 522 games during a

career that had taken him to

Swindon Town, Blackburn

Rovers, Leicester, Bradford

City, West Ham United,

Bournemouth and Reading,

but who was wondering what

minute of the first half,

Horsfield brought his tally for

Take, too, Quinn, the no-

matches in five days -- to go nicely with his hat-trick in Charlton's 4-0 win away to Norwich on Wednesday.

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Head in a whirl as Hearts reach dizzy heights

HAVING attended a football match on almost every Saturday of the season for the past three decades, it had never occurred to me that going to just one game at a time might be a rather frugal pastime. Now, however, I have to accept that possibility. It was more than just the pain-killers that left me light-headed when, after a minor accident, I was confined to bed at the

Radio coverage can make you dizzy as it hurls you into the depths of a nation's absorption with the sport. The regular accounts of the victories being assembled by each member of the Old Firm jostled with quirky, colourful and obscure information from other parts. In the cir-cumstances, it seemed perfect-ly mundane that a new signing from Namibia, Eli-phas Shivute, should be hav-ing a fine match for

Elsewhere. Hugh Scott. the Morton chairman, was being asked to respond to Internet allegations that the funding ground redevelopment was in doubt. At Firs Park, David Watt, of East Stirling, was setting unanswerable questions for Montrose as he scored a hat-trick. In Inverness, it turned out to be another bad year in the Scottish Qualifying Cup for Clacknacuddin, who lost to

The fabric of the game turns out to be composed of all these patches of hope, despondency, anger and exultation that grip communities across the country. Emotions are particularly loud in some places and the feats of Henrik Larsson, of Celtic, and Marco Negri, of Rangers, in each scoring two goals were bound to be chronicled at length.

These intriguing, overseas

signings are welcome in Scotland, but there is also a duty to honour the familiar, and effective, footballer. John Robertson was brought on as a substitute by Heart of Midlothian on Saturday and scored the winner in a 2-I victory over Dundee United. There have been plenty of rehearsals, for he has scored 210 goals in League football

In his constant effectiveness, Robertson, 33 next month, is a figurehead for the club, but the longevity is misleading. He may have survived, but Hearts as a whole are in the midst of furious change and those who had forgotten to pay them much attention will now have to look afresh at Tynecastle. The ground alone is impressive, with a third new stand opened on Saturday.

For the moment, Hearts also dominate another skyline since they stand at the top of the Bell's Scottish League premier division table. In addition to buying well. Jim Jefferies, the manager, has also bought young. Of the players that started the match with Dundee United. six were 24 or under.

Since his appointment in 1995. Jefferies has taken Hearts to one Tennents Scottish Cup final and one Coca-Cola Cup final. This is the first time since 1992 that they have led the premier division.

Last week, Hearts were tempted to make a dramatic addition to the quality of the side by taking Tomas Brolin from Leeds United on a threemonth loan. For Brolin, a short spell at Tynecastle might have amounted to no more than a means of recovering match fitness and, by declining to proceed, Hearts showed that they are intent on building long-term strength

Contenders fail to live up to billing

Swindon Town0

BY DAVID POWELL

EITHER side could have gone to the head of the Nationwide League first division on Saturday. Neither took its chance. Surely the match had been incorrectly labelled? A top-ofthe table encounter. Swindon Town, in second place. West Bromwich Albion third.

Certainly these two did not look like teams making the early pace towards the FA Carling Premiership. One manager praised his players for their "excellent defending". above all else, and the other found nothing illuminating to say whatsover. It was that bland. Boring commitment in abundance, some flair, but

precious few chances. it was like a 100 metres race without a finish. West Brom-wich started fast, Swindon slowly. For the last hour both teams, neck and neck, seemed to be treading water, no win-ner in sight. There were only

West Bromwich Albion .. 0 two saves to speak of in the entire match, when a drive by Bullock was tipped over the West Bromwich crossbar by Miller and, in the last minute. when Digby kept out Hunt's

close-range shot.
On the hour, Sneekes made an exhilarating run towards the Swindon goal and it seemed the deadlock might be broken. Swindon, though, as we know, were defending excellently and the saving tackle may have been what Steve McMahon, the visiting manager, had in mind when praising his back line.

Excellent defending, of course, is what a manager needs when five players, who might have been in, are out injured. Among the missing was Cuervo, the French midfield player, whose flair has been responsible for Swindon's rise this season. Hurry back, Cuervo; Walters, too. Datck, Cuervo, Walters, (c.4.2): A
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Fry's exuberance given full rein

element at this level because in The forgiving Fry picked him just about every game he up for £75,000 and he looked a

Peterborough United 2

BY PAT GIBSON

BARRY FRY could not contain himself. "Top of the league," the Peterborough United manager gushed. "Ten games without defeat, more goals than anyone else in the country, the leading scorer and the best striking partnership in the land ... and I still don't think we're the finished article by any means".

Let us begin by putting one or two things in perspective The league in question is the Nationwide League third divi-sion. And while Martin Carruthers and Jimmy Quinn can claim to be the most prolific pair of strikers with 16 goals between them, they are not quite in the same class as. say, Wright and Bergkamp or Sutton and Gallacher.

Never mind. It is still quite a start by the great wheelerdealer, who has lost no time in bouncing back from the despair of relegation last season which dampened even his enthusiasm for a while. The cynic might suggest that he ought to be in his

just about every game he seems to have bought and sold most of the players on the field in his time. It does seem, however, that he is being more selective with the money which has been made available by the new chairman, Peter Boizot, who has previously been more associated

with hockey and pizzas than Take Neil Lewis, the talent-

ed full back who was offloaded by Leicester City after spending some time as a guest of Her Majesty for assault.

their merry way at the top of the Vauxhall Conference by

beating Farnborough Town

2-1 at Cherrywood Road on

Saturday (Walter Gammie writes). Still unbeaten.

George Mulhall's team have

now won three matches away

from home — as many as in the whole of last season.

Mulhalf's recruitment has given the defence an assured

ook and in Geoff Horsfield

Halifax have the league's in-

form striker. When he equal-

he was going to do next when his spell as joint-manager of **Horsfield spurs Halifax** ised Chris Boothe's goal for Farnborough in the last HALIFAX Town continued

> the season to ten in eight Conference matches. The winner was scored in the 65th minute by Gary Brook. Pushing Horsfield in the

scoring charts is Neil Gray-son, of Hereford United. whose double made it eight for the season and brought a 2-I victory at Kettering Town still without a win and stuck at the foot of the table.

need not have worried. Fry was the first man on the phone and though Quinn, 37 now but still a cut above most strikers in the lower divisions, had more prestigious offers he was impressed by what he saw at Peterborough.

It looked as though he was a good judge at London Road on Saturday. Peterborough took the lead in their first attack, Lewis crossing perfectly for Castle to flash a third-minute header past Hyde, and went farther ahead 18 minutes later when Carruthers flicked on Farrell's cross to Quinn, who

finished with practised ease. There might have been many more goals, Houghton thundering a shot against the crossbar, Carruthers missing a chance to score his tenth goal of the season when Ouinn headed him through and then Quinn, of all people, missing a penalty.

PETERBOROUGH UNITED (4-4-2): M Tyler — C McMenantin, A Edwards, M Bodkey, N Lawis — D Famel, S Castle, D Payrie, S Houghton (sub. W Bullinore, Borne) — M Camathers, J Ourne (sub. C Cleaver, 88)

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Luton's defensive cupboard bare

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BY BULL EDGAR

ADORED in the early 1980s for their adventurous arrival in the top flight but hated later that decade for using an artificial pitch and banning away fans, Luton Town are these days provoking only pity. Mad defending by the Hatters at Kenilworth Road on Saturday leaves them second to bottom of the Nationwide League second division - their worst position for 30

The nadir of the defeat by Wrexham came after Trevor Peake, Luton's reserve-team coach, was sent on as a 58thminute substitute in a desperate bid to strengthen a defence that was struggling to keep the score at 2-2. Peake was playing his first League game in 17 months and, predictably, his 40-year-old legs were no match for Wrexham's lively

The Welsh side scored three times within 15 minutes of

Peake's arrival to leave the Luton manager, Lennie Lawrence, bemoaning the longterm injuries that weakened his defence.

"With that back four's total unfamiliarity with each other. I'm not going to get a clean sheet unless there's a miracle." Lawrence said. The frightening thing is that there is little I can do about it. I've got no more money to spend. I've already got my quota of two short-term loan players and there are no players available

for a long-term loan."
For the record, Wrexham mok a two-goal lead through Dave Brammer and Karl Connolly but goals from Steve Davis and Phil Gray brought Luton level five minutes into the second half. Craig Skinner hit Wrexham's third from the penalty spot before the impressive Connolly completed

pressive Controlly Completed his hat-trick.

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Archery school finds the target

By JOHN GOODBODY

MENTION archery and any-one immediately thinks of Robin Hood. Barely two miles away from his famous oak. near Mansfield, in Notting-hamshire, is Wellow House, who on October 3 will be defending their British schools archery title.

However, any inspiration provided by the tradition of England's most celebrated outlaw must be subconscious for the pupils of Wellow House When you say the name of Robin Hood there may not exactly be blank stares from the boys and girls but there are scarcely looks illustrating their familiarity

with the legend. Yet this prep school of 130 pupils, aged from 2½ to 13, enjoys an astonishing reput-



ation in the Olympic sport. They have lost the prep schools title only once since 1976. In the British schools (under-18) championships, they have finished first four times, although they had been shooting shorter distances than their older rivals. The girls, too, have taken five national championships. It is not as if Wellow House

unduly concentrates on archery. About 20 pupils practise regularly and then usually only twice a week. It runs alongside the customary activities of football, swimming, cricket and netball.

However, as so often when you find excellence in schools' sport, there is invariably a devoted teacher or coach guiding the pupils. Nick Forbes has been a teacher since 1972 and, as he sits surrounded by the bows, arrows and all the ancient crafts and modern equipment that makes up the sport, you understand why such excellence is possible.

Dr Malcolm Tozer, the headmaster, said: "He has a charisma. Pupils do it for him. They respond to the challenges.

However, archery does offer an alternative activity to the more commonplace sports. Dr Tozer said: There will always be less hearty children and you need to counterbalance those sports which attract hearty children. For us, ar-

in schools

chery is part of that and so is table tennis. They tend to pick up different pupils. Archery has a discipline as has choir singing. There is a code of etiquette and the pupils

are always working through a

pattern of activity, with every-one conscious of the needs of safety. On Thursdays, when there is a choice in the games programmes, the archers will be practising outdoors or in the unusually long indoor sports hall, which can accommodate

a 30-metre round. Dr Tozer outlines the advantages of the sport. "It introduces manipulative skills. There is fine hand-eye combination and a mixture of physical and mental disciplines. Pupils are responsive to the challenges - goals get progressively harder to reach with the targets moving further away."

Furbes, who estimates he

being shot in his 25 years at the school, points to the need for a routine. "Everyone thinks they can do it. You have to get rid of the indians and cowboys thing. I demonstrate and I hope they will imitate. They learn how to pick up the bow, how to pull, how to aim. The arrow has to be horizontal to the ground and there should be a continuous line between the bow-hand, arrow and the rear of the pulling

Some pupils drop our because they lack the concentration or physical strength. In shoulder-to-shoulder competi-tions, such as the schools championships at Bloxham next month, there is a need to conquer nerves. Eleanor Sanson, ten, a

member of the successful team last year, said: "Sometimes at events you want to do it and sometimes you don't. But if you win, it is like Christmas. I really miss it in the holidays." Meridian Ayers, eight, contrasts archery with football. 'Archery is so skilful. There is the bow and the target. It is not like football where everyone is

rushing all over the place." It is the individuality of the activity that appeals to Sarah Sunderland, 12, another member of the girls team. "I often compete in my mind against myself. I bet I am going to get a bull's eye."

ICE HOCKEY

Cardiff find form with a flourish

CARDIFF Devils and Nottingham Panthers, forced to settle for 2-2 draws against Bracknell Bees and Basingstoke Bison respectively in midweek, returned to winning ways on Saturday in group B of the Benson and Hedges Cup (Norman de Mesquita writes). The Pan-thers defeated Peterborough Pirates II-I, with Derek Laxdal scoring three goals and Neil Morgan two. The Devils beat Basingstoke 4-2.

Two other teams to have easy wins against lower-divi-sion opposition were Bracknell, who beat Slough 7-0, and Newcastle Cobras, who outclassed Paisley Pirates 13-3. Ayr Scottish Eagles defeated Telford Tigers 12-2.

In Sheffield, the Steelers went down 9-4 to Manchester Storm. Rob Wilson, of the Steelers, and Kris Miller, of the Storm, were sent off.

The eight Superleague teams look set to reach the quarter-finals. In group A. Manchester and Newcastle have II points from seven games. In group B, Cardiff have II from six, two points ahead of Nottingham, who have a game in hand.

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Atkinson leads assault on the sensitive ear

e all remember them
... those feisty midweek nights when British football clubs dominated European competitions. Thirtysomethings will recall frittering away the evening until Sportsnight delivered highlights of Liverpool's Champions' Cup quarter-final match with the likes of Dinamo Moscow.

Most things have changed since then. The Heysel Stadium disaster marked Britain's passage into the European wilderness. The Champions' Cup is now the Champions' League, The likes of Dinamo Moscow are relics of the communist era and the red carpet is rolled out for every

British venture into Europe-Four of the five terrestrial channels screened live matches last week. It was harvest time for the football pundit.

However, British television coverage remains rooted in the past. David Pleat was barely passable on BBC1 (Celtic v Liverpool), Nigel Spackman anonymous on Channel 5 (Chelsea v Slovan Bratislava). while Ron Atkinson traded exclusively as hyperbole-userin-chief and arch-executioner of the English language on ITV (Newcastle United v

Atkinson's park mentality is ill-suited to the increasingly sophisticated realm of European football. His early ad-

referee rebounded badly as the official handled an intense occasion with rare aplomb. Indeed, Atkinson has become a prime source of earache, his remarks compounded by Brian Moore's unashamedly

biased commentary.

It was Moore who patented the art of ridiculing continental goalkeepers and their inability to catch crosses cleanly. Yet when the Newcastle goal-keeper fumbled a corner be-fore retrieving the ball, Moore asked us to disbelieve our eyes. That was safely held by Given," he said with misplaced assurance.

Meanwhile, back in the studio, Glenn Hoddle correct-



JULIAN MUSCAT TV ACTION REPLAY

ly predicted that it was a good time for Newcastle to be playing a disorganised Barcelona - but only just. The Spaniards' late rally almost retrieved a three-goal deficit, which brought back the words of Alan Shearer. It would be a low-scoring game he had ventured, in the process illustrat-ing the folly of employing

partisanship in the analyst's seat. Shearer, of all people. should be aware of the frailties of the Newcastle defence.

At least ITV allocated sufficient time to its studio guests. On BBCI the previous night. Des Lynam, Alan Hansen and Trevor Brooking had barely introduced themselves before it was off to John Motson and

Pleat in the Celtic Park cauldron. Once again, hyperbole ruled the airwayes, the rich history of the fixture thunderreverberating down Motson's microphone. Yet times have changed and it was Pleat who unwittingly trod on Motson's toes when he observed: "They've dubbed it as Scotland versus England but there are only five Scots in the

Celtic line-up tonight."

Motson's sole stab at raising the punditry stakes descended to pantomime when the game paused for breath. Frenchman is keeping McKinlay out of the Celtic side; he seems to play for Scotland but not for his club. What does that tell you?" Motson in-

quired of Pleat. The subsequent silence was deafening. Thank God. therefore, for Hansen. Here is the musterpundit prepared to dish out warranted criticism. Some absurd comparisons between players on show and the alltime greats grated with Hansen, who rounded sharply when Lynam suggested that Donnelly, of Celtic, was in the mould of Dalglish. "He's had some good opportunities and he should have done better." came Hansen's rebuke. This

vignette offered all the more reason to regret the haste with which the BBC cameras departed at the final whistle. For Chelsea v Bratislava on Channel 5, we had the conven-

tional analyst in Paul Elliott and, alongside him, the unconventional Ally McCoist in conventional mood. Even Innathon Pearce, the commentator, lacked his usual effervescence. Deprived of his goalsaluting prowess when the forecast hatful failed to forecast materialise, he seemed partieularly subdued.

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All in all, then, a far-from vintage display from the plettiora of analysts on show. British teams have caught up with their European rivals largely through investment in continental players. It may be time to adopt a similar approach to analysts.

'Violence is no longer rugby union's cosy little secret. The doors to the club have been flung open'

Fighting talk fails to disguise the fudge

and a rugby union match bruke out. Ho! Ho! For the sports pages last week were filled with the latest violence in rugby, violence that broke out. once again, between Welsh and French clubs in the European club competition.

The worst of it took place in Brive, home of the Heineken Cupholders, nine days ago. But on Saturday, despite having three players injured in a post-match bar-room brawl. Brive turned up to play Bath in the same competition and narrowly lost a wonderful The violence was saved for the

postmatch press conference. Laurent Seigne, the Brive coach, said through an interpreter: "Today we played a real rugby union match in a good competition. Last week we played against semi-civilised The interpreter's voice tailed away apologetically. Seigne sup-

and in English: "Animals." Last week, Brive played against Pontypridd, who themselves had a good victory at the weekend in a decent match against Scottish Borders. But Brive against Pontypridd was absurdly violent and was followed by the now infamous postmatch clash in which the players got stuck into each other once again in a local bar. There were also violent confrontations in the

match between Pau and Llanelli. Brive are due to play against Pontypridd in Wales next week. Seigne thinks that the match should be cancelled and awarded to Brive, or at least played on neutral ground. "It is impossible to imagine a match in Pontypridd against that kind of player." he said. He claimed that there was also trouble with the Pontypridd supporters and there is even talk of Brive bringing their own security force if they are required to play the fixture as planned.

The directors of the competition meet today to decide what sort of

SIMON BARNES



sanctions, if any, they will bring against clubs. The post-match excitement, as well as the on-pitch excesses, will be considered. It will be a very ticklish one to call. The

grievances have gone very deep. The fact is that the French are irredeemably violent and need to be slapped down at regular intervals. The fact is that the Welsh are out-of-control maniacs who should be given as hard a time as possible. The fact is that rugby union is basically an anglophone conspiracy against the French. The fact is that neither Welsh players nor French players are paid-up members of the English middle classes.

The fact is that to introduce culture clashes in sport is asking for trouble. The fact is that culture clashes in sport make for splendid matches. Bath's tactical approach on Saturday was matched by Brive's moments of searing inspiration - in international sport, the tendency to play up to your own national stereotype seems almost irresistible.

But let us go to the heart of the

matter. The only fact worth considering in this business is that rugby union is an irredeemably violent game. No ball game in the world admits so much legitimate physical contact and physical combat. To say that rugby union has an endemic problem with violence is

> break out in rugby union. Violence is the nature of the game. There are other very violent ball games, but in rugby league and Australian Rules the violent clashes are out in the open. American football is also a very violent game. with off-the-ball clashes a legitimate part of it all. The inevitable problems are kept in check by the very large number of officials and by protective clothing. Fights regularly break out (at which the camera generally cuts elsewhere), but

like saying that football has an

endemic problem with people

kicking the ball. Violence does not

it is hard to give a black eye to a man in a helmet.

In rugby union, the lineout, the scrum, the ruck and the maul are essentially violent physical confrontations and, by their nature, much of what goes on is invisible to all save the participants. The rules, as with most violent ball games, are complicated. Rugby union, because of its violence and its necessarily complex rules, is a game of stopping and starting, of whistling and taking penalties.

"I told the players at the start of the season that it is essential we reduce our penalty count." Andy Robinson, the Bath coach, said. "and that is much easier now that I have retired. Heh-heh-heh. There were a couple of off-the-ball incidents today, nothing too bad. That's what's rugby union's about. It's an aggressive game. There are always times when violence spills over and players lose their heads. Other times, you get games like

The game on Saturday was won and lost on the question of disci-pline. Bath conceded five penalties to Brive's 22. Seigne thought this was not fair. The standards of refereeing in this sport are notori-ously subjective. One of the game's essential skills is to come to terms with a referee's understanding of the rules and to play accordingly. Brive failed to do this and, though they won the try-count 3-2, Callard kicked his penalties for Bath and

that was set and match point. "I want no retaliation from my players," Robinson said. His reason for this noble stance was simplicity itself: "It could cost us the game." If you want to make illegal violence unacceptable to people in professional sport, you must make illegal violence an extremely expensive matter in sporting terms. It has been the tradition of rugby

union to gloss over violence, Boys will be boys. Even today, there are cries for rugby authorities not to "overreact" to the latest unpleasantness. The question of illegal violence in rugby union has been fudged for too long, to a degree wholly unacceptable in a professional sport. Referees are as reluctant to punish violent offences as they are eager to leap on the pedantries of technical infringement.

It begins with referees. They need an instant form of punishment for illegal violence and they need the backing of everyone else involved in the game when these are applied. The game is watched as never before. This match was live on television and radio and there was a massive contingent of newspaper people. Violence is no longer rugby union's cosy little secret. The doors of the club have been flung open.

Illegal violence in rugby may be inevitable, but complacency is not the right response. The aim should be to minimise violence rather than to pretend it does not matter. It is the fudging of illegal violence that sticks in the craw. Fudging leads to inevitable escalation. Rugby union, in short, needs to

grow up. And do not think that

because I point out these flaws I am hostile to the sport. No sporting person who watched the match on Saturday could hold such a view. It was a belter and the clash of temperaments and cultures made for much of its beauty. The real dream of rugby is to play games like today," Seigne said. To win one day, to lose another it is all right if we are playing at this level."

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SPORTS LETTERS

World records should be beyond reproach

Time to scrap county game

From the Headmaster of Colchester RGS Sir. Turkeys don't vote for Christmas and of course the first-class counties, so assidu-ously consulted by the Eng-land and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) management, will not vote for their own demise. However, by retaining the county championship and the professional structure which supports it, Lord MacLaurin's

blueprint for English cricket

ensures that the ailments

which have for so long affected

our cricket will continue. There is a simple and radical solution to our cricketing problems: to transfer to England the Australian and South African models, both based on grass-roots amateur cricket.

We need to scrap the county system and professional cricket and create six regions covering the whole of England and Wales, with each region playing the other twice a season in ten four-day matches, to include weekends. Players would be selected from weekend first division league club cricket, including current first-class and minor counties players and the multitude of talented club players who have chosen to enter a career other, than cricket, would be one third of the best cricketers

eligible for the regional sides and ultimately the national team. A competition for regional second XIs, run on similar lines, would provide the necessary back-up. In ad-dition, a limited-overs championship, in which each of the regional sides would play the others once, and with semi-finals and a final for the four best teams, would attract spectators and revenue. As in Australia and South Africa, when first-class players were free, they would represent local clubs at weekends, so helping top club players to

improve their game.
The so-called "seamless" progress that the blueprint supposes would take place from recreational to first-class cricket is a myth, since talented club players would still only be able to establish themselves as first-class cricketers if they became full-time professionals, so sacrificing their other careers. Under my pro-posals, the sole professionals. as in Australia, would be a small nucleus of players who had reached the top of the tree, a Test squad under contract to

the ECB The system I advocate would have the benefit of producing less, as well as much more attractive, cricket of a far higher standard than now, with every inter-regional match involving an average From Mr Andrew Dodd Sir, As fresh evidence makes clear the scale of

systemised drug taking by former communist bloc athletes, it is entirely appropriate that competitors such as Sharron Davies seek redress for being deprived of championship

Of course, the problem of drug abuse in sport is not confined to a handful of eastern European swimmers. Many performances at the recent world athletics championship, for example, were far below world record marks established before drug testing became more

There are a host of records in many sports, but especially in track and field, that have never been remotely threated during the 1990s. So how did they do that?

Perhaps it is time to start more public debate on the validity of these performances so that future athletes can have a fair and honest set of goals against which to aim and retired competitors can feel due recognition for the results they achieved by fair means. It would also give former athletes the chance to end the suspicion which lingers over their

achievements. Yours faithfully, ANDREW DODD,

Beach Farm Cottage, Wick, Somerset.

in the land. Its amateur basis would provide a clear ladder for all cricketers from club level through to the national side. Players and spectators would soon identify with theiir regions, just as people do now in seeing themselves as Northerners, Midlanders, Southern-

The state secondary school of which I am head offers outstanding provision for cricket, with over 120 matches each season, involving all age-groups from 11 to 18. It would be a joy to see the school's best cricketers have the opportunity of ascending a truly seamless ladder to first-class cricket, only possible if professional cricket, apart from a Test squad, is abandoned. Yours faithfully S. A. C. FRANCIS,

Colchester Royal Grammar School, Lexden Road, Colchester, Essex. From Mr John Hurst and Mr Christopher Hurst Sir. So the county chairmen, scared of "failure", have rejected two divisions and once more held our game back. Yet the lesson of football is that success in a lower division

means bigger gates.
If two divisions with three up and three down were adopted - two automatic promotion places with another place the subject of a play-off involving four more teams then a minimum of six teams

would be fighting it out to the end of the season.

It is even possible that the three bottom clubs in the second division could have a chance of the play-offs up to late in the season. As for the first division, most of the nine would either be vying for the title or fighting against relega-tion — or both. Competition will pull in the public and raise standards. When will the county chairmen seize their opportunities?

Yours sincerely JOHN HURST, CHRISTOPHER HURST. 18 Monks Park, Milbourne, Malmesbury, Wiltshire. From Mr P. Mackle Sir, As a Lancashire member

If fences frighten the most experienced and talented ridof nowhere near pensionable age. I take great exception to Alan Lee's view (September 16) that county cricket is run for the over-sixties. The present obsession for change may

the sport. One has only to look

Horses need

protection

From Mr Victor Green

Sir. By developing the oft-quoted tenet of the late Colonel

Frank Weldon that cross-

country courses in champion-

ship eventing should be terrifying for the riders yet safe for the horses, Simon

Barnes (September 15) accepts an objective which is not only

unattainable but also undesir-

at rugby league to see a game stripped of its soul. The greatest change of all should be in attitude. If wellpaid cricketers throw the towel in because they have nothing left to play for, perhaps they should be seeking employment elsewhere.

Yours faithfully, P. MACKLE. 19 Trinity Court, Cleminson Street,

Salford, Manchester.

ers, they do so not so much because of consideration for their personal safety but primarily because of their concern for the wellbeing of their

These are trained to be obedient and to trust their riders. They do not expect to be asked questions whose difficulty is not apparent until they are halfway through the problem.

The fear factor may help to swell the attendance but it has nothing to do with the art of course-building. Steeple-chasing has learnt its lessons over the years. Eventing must do the same.

Enough horses either failed the veterinary inspection at Burghley or were not presented for it to invalidate Barnes's claim that the course-builder had struck the right balance between difficulty and attainability - without damage, A tally of what percentage of the horses who completed Burgh-ley are sound now would be

revealing. Of course, danger is inher-ent in riding over fences. It is not, however, in dressage,

Yours faithfully, VICTOR GREEN. Farsyde Stud. Robin Hood's Bay. North Yorkshire.

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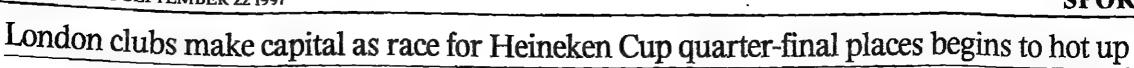
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Wood reinforces Harlequins steel

By GERALD DAVIES

HAVING won two home games in the Heineken Cup, this victory away from the Stoop put Harlequins in a strong position in pool D. Sucress away from home is difficult to come by, but Harle-quins have also accumulated a good enough points difference to suggest that another victory could secure them a place in the quarter-

There is a long way to go, however. Neither Cardiff nor Harlequins will relish a visit to Munster. This was Cardiff's first failure at home in this competition. which was inaugurated three seasons ago. In losing yesterday they failed to cross the visiting team's line. Harlequins did so on three occasions and might have man-aged another couple had Liley and O'Leary co-ordinated their passes on the right flank. Cardiff had their

try-scoring chances, too.
It was the number of errors that ensured that the overall tempo did not rise. Cardiff were also guilty of

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failing to take full advantage of the chances that they had worked so hard to create. The game remained exciting to the end, when it was finally settled by Lacroix's third penalty goal.

There were those who expected that the sense of Anglo-Welsh rivalry might have recaptured the mood that was so prevalent when Bath visited the Arms Park last season, but, despite the perfect conditions, the match fell short of those expectations.

There was an edge to the contest, but as if to suggest that there had been no softening of approach since the ugly scenes in Brive last weekend, this was no more than the hard-staring variety.

Rugby is an aggressive contact sport." Andy Keast, the Harlequins director of rugby, said. The players cannot be half-hearted in their approach. After last Sunday all of them are aware of the thin line they are treading. It was a mammoth task for us to come down to Cardiff and earn this victory."

The only controversial note concerned the issue of who can and cannot be substituted, and when. Luke Gross, of Harlequins, was



Wood, whose work in defence and attack proved important all afternoon, charges through an inviting gap. Photograph: Huw Evans

later as a substitute. Cardiff are looking into the matter.

The Harlequins defence and discipline, particularly in the second haif when they seemed to be fading against Cardiff's forceful drives, accounted for their victory. The penalty count went against them 13-6 after the interval but when rugby's laws are subject to a variety of interpretation, discipline is even more of a precious quality.

For Cardiff, Lee Jarvis only missed once all afternoon, but there were a number of try-scoring opportunities that went begging. Timely interventions by Wood and Davison spoiled these efforts. Wood was ubiquitous, his tackles and on Andrew Lewis in the 52nd proving important in keeping Cardiff in their place. Davison's tackle on Leigh Davies was helped by the Cardiff centre's misjudgment in ignoring Ford outside him. If Harlequins' defensive organis-

at crucial moments. The three tries the visiting team scored exposed their weakness. Jarvis had kicked three penalty goals before the first of these tries came. It was the best of the

ation was tight, Cardiff's was open

afternoon and came straight from the kick-off after Lacroix's penalty. Davison took the ball. Wood supported him. Lacroix threw a long pass to Carling and the former fully timed pass inside him to give O'Leary a 15-metre run down the middle. His effort gave Jamie Williams a clear run for a thrilling

Then Wood, having done sterling work in defence, played his part as a try-scoring fly half. Lacroix made the break and with a three-man overlap the British Isles hooker took the matter into his own hands to dummy to his right and cross unopposed under the posts.

When two further penalty goals by Jarvis gave Cardiff the lead, Harlequins suddenly looked

Twice they created glaring chances and failed to convert them.

Liley's ankle-high pass thwarted

O'Leary.
Despite these frustrating lapses,
Harlequins kept their heads. Belligoi ran through a timid defence for a try and Lacroix's penalty punished Kacala's high tackle. SCORESS: Carolift Penelty goals: Javis 7 Hams. 8, 15, 23, 35, 45, 65), Herlequips: Tries: Wilsons (26), Wood (30), Ballgol (72), Conventions: Lacrotx 2 Penelty goels: Lacrox 3 (25, 36, 75) SCORING BEQUENCE (Carolif first), 3-0, 8-0, 9-0, 9-3, 9-10, 9-17, 13-17, 15-17, 15-20 (hall-leme), 18-20, 21-20, 21-25, 21-28

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Dallaglio settles uneasy Wasps into their stride

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BY DAVID HANDS

HIGHY CORRESPONDENT WHETHER their return to Loftus

Road yesterday said more about the ascent of the English champions than the descent of Ulster rugby is a moot point. But Wasps, runaway leaders of pool B, will be happy to place their score in the bank as collateral against sterner days to come in the Heineken Cup.

After victories at Swansea, their chief pool rivals, and Glasgow, their first appearance of the season in London seemed to perturb them even more than Ulster. For half an hour Wasps went through a familiarisation programme that they only completed in a basket-ball-style flurry of points in the

closing minutes.

By that stage Ulster were a lost cause. Rob Henderson having taken particular pleasure in tor-menting his fellow Irishmen. Henderson, the burly Wasps centre, was one of the successes of the Ireland development tour of New Zealand during the summer, but Brian Ashton, the Ireland coach, who was among the 4,000 crowd, can have found precious little encouragement from Ulster's per-

In times past a clutch of international forwards have worn the red hand; now Ireland's best players are involved in English club rugby and Ulster's only capped players yesterday were Field and Topping in the back division. For a while they forced Wasps into an uncharacteristic frenzy, one which, if repeated against the classier sides,

will cost them dearly.

A stern address by Dallaglio. their captain, at the interval invited a more patient approach, typified by the driving maul from a lineout. led by Daslaglio himself, which demonstrated how effectively the Ulster defence could be used up. The primary beneficiary was Logan, the Scotland wing, who scored three of his team's eight tries in a 12-minute period, one of the easier bat-tricks that he will egister. It was no help to Ulster that they

lost McDowell from their midfield with an ankle injury, but, had Laing kicked both the penalty

Leicester learning to love France

ous Morrow scarcely deserved the pass around his ankles that Greenstock hacked on and Roiser pounced to score through Field's

Henderson's powerful run led to Wood's try just before the interval. but he was in no mood to disparage Ulster. Irish provinces are playing really well at the moment," Henderson said. "None of them is going to be easy, but we upped the points for, and curbed the points against, and that was the pleasing thing."

A disciplined third quarter put Wasps in firm command, though their decision-making remained rooted in the manner of the first half. Far too frequently for comfort they turned away from support. despite the textbook quality of their third try, Rees and Roiser attacking the blind side after a rolling maul and Mitchell arriving

to score at the crucial moment. That cleared the stage for Logan Greenstock might have sent Roiser clear on the right, but chose to go alone, his error kindly overlooked by his forwards who recycled the ball for the try to be scored on the left. A 90-yard move, splendidly sustained, allowed Henderson to put the Scot over for his second, and the centre himself burst clean through the middle before sending Logan over unchallenged.

Ulster, amid a clutch of replace ments, strove desperately for a consolation try, but Wasps would not allow them even that. Mitchell, like Irwin earlier in the half, received a yellow card for robust play in the loose, but Wasps finished at a canter. King opened up the field for Greenstock, who returned the favour for his fly half deep into stoppage time.

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Redman of old keeps Bath running

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By MARK SOUSTER

NIGEL REDMAN was as surprised as anyone to be on the England tour of Argentina and could not believe it when he was called up to join the British Isles in South Africa, Andy Robinson admitted that he had advised his friend to retire last year, but on Saturday the Bath coach singled out Redman's allround contribution as three times his team came from behind to defeat Brive in the Heineken Cup at the Recreation Ground.

After a difficult week for the European champions - one which should be resolved today - and for the game itself, this match did much to restore the tarnished reputations of both.

"I did not believe that he had that in him. It was an outstanding performance, the Redman of three or four years ago," Robinson said as he contemplated Bath's unblemished record in Europe this season, one that will be sorely

tested in the return in France in a fortnight. Guscott and Nicol should be fit but leuan Evans, making his debut, aggravated a groin injury and

will have a scan today. The penalty count - 22-5 in Bath's favour - suggests an ill-disciplined contest; it was not. There were technical infringements aplenty and, with some justification, Brive

more potent threat behind the scrum and their clinical finishing in the first quarter suggested that they would enjoy an easy passage.



felt harshly treated.

The French side carried the



for similar tries - Bomati that Arbizu, an earlier trywide on the left, Carrat on the scorer, claimed. A three-man right - created by pace and overlap beckoned. but quick handling. Penaud was Adebayo snuffed out the danger. Arbizu also missed a late a calming influence at fly half. even if he overdid the kicking. enalty attempt. but Brive's desire to run from

Bath, too, wasted chances, the most blatant when de Glanville, who had just had defence proved costly in the bist minute when Sebastien Bonnet, the scrum half, was nine stitches to a head wound. penalised for failing to release broke clear inside the Brive the ball inside his own 22. half. With a four-man overlap Callard's goal, his fifth, was to his left, the England captain threw a wild, forward Bath's ability to overcome pass. However, Bath did contheir early difficulties and jure the best individual try reassert themselves, largely when Mike Catt burst from a ruck and outran the visiting through the driving play of defence from 40 metres early their forwards, where Redman and Webster were out-

in the second half. 9CORERS: Baltr Trees: Peny (31min), Calt (45) Correlesion: Caltard. Penetry goels: Caltard 5 (2, 8, 23, 60, 64) Briver Tries: Borrati (4), Canet (18), Arbon (53) Correlesions: Arbon 2 Penetry goals: Habitat 2 (7, 51). Arbitat 2 (7, 61) BOOMMO SEQUENCE (Barn Intil 3-0 3-7, 3-10, 6-10, 6-15, 9-17, 14-15 mail brien, 21-15, 21-22, 24-25, 27-25.

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Toulouse. Leicester.

IN TOULOUSE

FROM DAVID HANDS

SHOULD Leicester emerge at the head of pool A and so qualify automatically for the knockout stages of the Heineken Cup, they may thank Austin Healey for the privilege. One tackle by the scrum half, five metres from his own line, brought Romauld Paillat shuddering to a halt just when Toulouse. hitherto unbeaten this season. looked likely to win.

Leicester appear to be developing the enviable habit of winning in France. Last season it was in Pau, a bracing experience that contributed much to Leicester's approach to the game on Saturday at Les Sept Deniers, where Toulouse had not lost in Europe

More to the point, after the unpleasanmess in Brive and Pau the previous weekend, the game was fiercely contested but contained little obvious foul play. The discipline of both clubs was a clear indication that violence does not ter; they never looked more have to be a feature of the game in France, though Ken McCartney also deserves credit for his strong refereeing. Graham Willars, the former

Leicester coach, would have been proud of his club. One of Willars's last games was in Paris 21 years ago, before he became coach and subsequently president. He died, aged 57, on Friday night after a prolonged illness, but his mantle as an effective backrow forward lives on in the present team. Eric Miller, at No 8, scored the second-half try that steadied Leicester just

Leicester had suffered the ignominy of a penalty try against their pack in the first half and, had McCarmey awarded another against them midway through the second half, they could not have grumbled. It is a tart reminder to club and country that the Leicester front row is not the weapon that it was. Yet the Frenchmen were

when they needed a lift.

lured by their dominance of the scrums into thinking that this was the best way of winning, when the wide game might have served them betdangerous than when Bondouy was searching out openings or Delaigue purveying delightful, cut-out passes. In contrast, Serevi, on the

Leicester wing, at times looked an expensive luxury. His pass took out two defenders when he latched on to a dreadful kick by Ougier, leaving Horak and Back to send Miller to the line. Yet earlier he had displayed his limitations as a finisher and he could do nothing to stop Garbajosa leaving Marfaing an easier conversion that, with four minutes left, meant that Tou-

Healey: vital tackie

verted try. They would have succeeded, too, had it not been for Healey. Joiner saved them once but the desperate cover seemed in vain as Paillat swooped into space. However, he tried to steady his running line to score nearer the posts and came up against the brick

wall of Healey's tackle.

Stransky, the South Africa fly half whose form was so muted in Dublin, was in upbeat mood, as a general and goal-kicker. Only one penalty attempt out of six failed and that hit a post. Allied to the running of Potter, it was enough to make the difference.

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Glasgow get the best of luck

Glasgow35 Swansea21

GLASGOW opened a route to the Heineken Cup quarterfinal play-offs with an incisive performance at Scotstoun Stadium yesterday to put them in second place in group B

BY KEVIN FERRIE

behind Wasps. in a rousing second-half effort they benefited hugely from the break of the ball, two of their tries the direct result of fortuitous bounces, but having struggled to impose themselves in the first half they more than deserved the win for their more adventurous

 approach. I was delighted with the change of tactics after halftime." Kevin Greene, the Glasgow coach, said, "I felt we had kicked out too much in the first when we were defending, but Fraser Stott's choice of the upand-under immediately after Chris Anthony try. but Glasthe break was exactly the right option and although he got a

lucky bounce, he gave himself the opportunity to get it." That proved the key moment in the match. The Swan-

sea full back. Matthew Back, had looked hesitant throughout and when he failed to get to Stott's kick just inside his own half, the scrum half pounced and had support from his back row, the No &. Dave McLeish, providing the link to put John Shaw over between the posts.

The home side went ahead early on when James Craig got outside his man just on halfway and was, as ever, untouchable, with a clear route to the line, but Swansea were worth all of their fourpoint half-time lead and more. However, after that matchturning try, secred 18 seconds into the second half, the momentum swung away from the Welshmen. Tommy Hayes put them further clear with two

penalties. Swansea did rally with a through to touch down to provide a two-score cushion. There was nothing lucky. though, about Glasgow's final - a break by Chris Simmers in midfield, well supported by Hayes, who provided the international wing, Derek Stark, with the yard of room that was all he required.

the final, decisive score.

standing, ensured that they

stayed in contention. Their

first try was a case in point. A

move that repeatedly looked

to have broken down was

kept alive on the Brive line

and four times the ball was

recycled before Matt Perry

Having arrived in England

somewhat rejuctantly. Brive

would have left victorious but

for a superb smother tackle on

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Adebayo ten minutes from the

end. With Bath ahead 27-25,

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English clubs setting the Conference pace Jonah Lomu made a suc-

NEWCASTLE and Saracens continued to set the pace in their European Conference pools with impressive wins vesterday. Newcastle beat Edinburgh 40-16 in pool G at Goldenacre while Saracens beat Neath 69-30 in pool H at Vicarage Road. Tim Stimpson scored two

tries and kicked five conversions for Newcastle. There were further tries for Graham. Legg. Tait and Tuigamala. McLean scored the only try for Edinburgh. Hodge converted and locked three penalties.

Richard Wallace, the former Ireland wing, scored three of the ten Saracens tries as the English team pulled away from their Welsh opponents in the second half. They had led only 22-20 at the interval.

Constable (two), Sorrell (two), Chesney, Olsen and Sturnham also went over for Saracens, Michael Lynagh kicked eight conversions. Case (two) and Devergre scored the tries for Neath.

cessful return to the game when he came on twice as a substitute over the weekend. Lomu, whose last match before suffering from a kidney illness was for the New Zealand Barbarians against England at Twickenham last November, scored two tries for Counties B against King Country B in front of just 200 people at Patumahoe, south

Auckland, on Saturday. Yesterday, he came off the bench early in the second half and inspired Counties-Manukau to a 16-14 win over Otago in the national provincial championship. I was sweating on the

bench, just waiting to get on,"

Lomu said. "It was a good feeling to get the first touch of the ball, I didn't drop it." Olivier Sourgens, the Bègles-Bordeaux prop. has been banned for 60 days for illegal use of the boot in the Conference match against Connacht on Saturday.

Pontypridd enjoy the peace Scottish Borders 16

Pontypridd..... By Christopher Invine

WHEN Eddie Jones thanked Scottish Borders for their help and courtesy, the Pontypridd team manager was not simply referring to the food. "It's quite different from France," he said, as, indeed, the hospitality on Tweedside on Saturday was from the hostility in Brive the previous week.

In the most harmonious tradition, everyone had a good time in the bar afterwards. Even the rugby was convivial. Bar Le Toulzac, CS gas, riot police and rearranged French noses were a world removed from homely Kelso and a couple of patrolling policemen. It was incumbent on Pontypridd to show themselves in their best light as

contest.

Welsh League champions, which they did, despite making more turn-overs than Mrs Beeton in a helter-skelter

Brive want Pontypridd thrown out of the Heineken Cup, but it is unlikely that either club will be suspended when the European Rugby Cup Ltd meet again in Dublin today. However, sanctions are inevitable and, in the inflamed atmosphere between the clubs, there seems no way that Brive can go to Sardis Road on

Neil Jenkins said the players had thrown themselves into their rugby, which was evident in his 13-point contribution. The only discipline the visiting team lacked was in staying onside and none of the 34 penalties were for foul play.

Saturday.

Only once, with a splendid try by Dods, did the Borders keep their composure to display the uninhibited rugby of which they are capable. With flankers as dynamic in open play as Roxburgh, chances are always on, yet the lesson of a third successive defeat was the basic one of control.

Once Roy had mastered Fullarton's early dominance at the lineout, the Pontypridd

pack gradually exerted their height and weight advantage and the frustrations of the first half gave way to Morgan hitting the line from full back at pace and Paul John exploiting a blind-side channel off a

A first win compensated somewhat for Pontypridd's last-minute defeat at Brive. To reach the quarter-finals, they must win their remaining three matches, including the return against Brive.

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South African-born Briton produces outstanding performance to dominate men's elite race

Lessing stamps class on London Triathlon

BY DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

IN THE city where it all started for him, albeit through watching on television at home in South Africa. Simon Lessing won the first mass participation London Triathlon yesterday, in dispute with the International Triathlon Union (ITU). Lessing chose to compete in Britain rather than at an ITU World Cup race in Bermuda. He looked every inch, muscle and sinew the world No 1.

The opposition may not have been as hot as Lessing would have faced in Bermuda, but there was heat from the sun overhead. It was a glorious day, one seemingly transported from Hawaii, the sport's birthplace. Second after the 500 metre swim, Lessing took the lead in the transition area, where the competitors switch from one discipline to the next. First out on his bike, he drew away, first on the 40-kilometre ride, then pulled still further ahead on the 10-kilometre

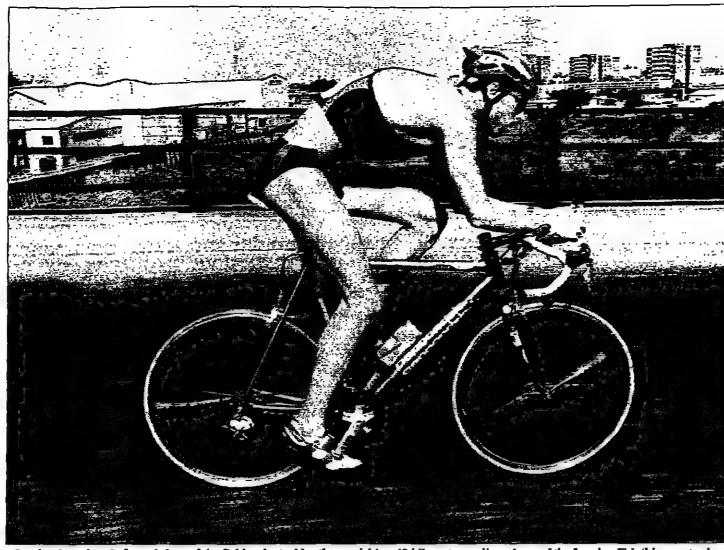
Lessing's performance was proof, for those who need it, that triathlon possesses competitors worthy of the Olympic stage. He is the long-range favourite to win gold in Sydney three years hence and his outstanding ability at each of the disciplines is evidenced by his finishing time of thr 48min 13sec. He was more than two minutes faster than the winning corporate relay team, one with a distinguished cast.

The relay, like the elite race, was held over the Olympic distance and was won by Tony Doyle Pursuits in 1:50.19. On the swim was Gavin Meadows, who won a gold medal for Britain in the 4 x 200 metres freestyle relay at the recent European championships in Seville. On the ride was Doyle, twice winner of the world pursuit title. On the run was Mike Granon, a former winner of the London Marathon.

Lessing, born in Cape Town, was watching the London to Paris runswim-ride on television in South Africa when his appetite for .riathlon was whetted. "That was my introduction, I was about 13 or 14." Lessing, now 26, said. It was an introduction that would lead him to

Although the world championships in Perth Australia, are eight weeks away, masing has no more competitions planned. While the World Cup continues, he will train. He is in disagreement with the ITU over its competitor agreement, which the world governing body insists that athletes should sign before taking part in World Cup races, and over its qualification procedure for the Olympics.

The agreement imposes restrictions on personal aponsor advertising, to which Lessing objects, mainly because he has existing contracts that would not be honoured if he conformed to the agreement's requirements. Needing World Cup points for entry into the world championships, regardless of his status as world champi-



Lessing has already forged clear of the field as he tackles the punishing 40-kilometre cycling phase of the London Triathlon yesterday

on, he obtained permission from his sponsors to race in Stockholm in July. One victory was enough to ensure his qualification for Perth but he has boycotted all World Cup races before and since.

Lessing described the Olympic qualification system as "unfair". Olympic places can be gained only through the World Cup. "I refuse to be forced to do the whole World Cup series and, if that is the case, I will have to give the Olympics a miss." Lessing said two years ago that his greatest ambition was to win an Olympic gold medal. His birthplace and his residen-

rial address, in Salon de Provence. southern France, invite the inevitable questions about his allegiance to Britain. Lessing's mother was born in Britain and he has competed for his adopted country since 1989, when South Africa was banned from international sport.

"I could say I am going to represent South Africa now, because the country is back in the

sporting arena," Lessing said. "In 1989 there was not a choice but I do feel that, considering the British were kind enough to take me on at the beginning of my professional career, I am not going to change. Without a British passport I would have been in the mud."

Lessing is unbeaten in eight races this year, including his victory in the France Iron Tour, the sport's Tour de France, a fortnight ago. The tour involves eight races

and, although it left him tired, there were no obvious signs of him labouring in London.

Richard Stannard led the world champion out of the water at West India Dock but Lessing built up a lead of Imin 26sec on the three-lap ride and finished 2min 25sec ahead of Richard Allen, the Florida-based 1996 British champion.

Lessing said that he felt "relaxed on the run, adding that his £3,000 bike with front suspension had been particularly advantageous on the "bumpy" circuit. He was full of praise for the event, which attracted 3,000 entries. "Of course, I'll come back next year," he said.

In the women's elite race. Loretta Sollars came through from fourth place at the end of the ride to win on the run. Sollars, a senior development officer for the English Sports Council, recorded 2hr 06min 26sec, followed by her fellow Briton. Jessica Harrison, in 2:08.45, and Metaja Simic, of the Czech Republic, in 2:10.11.

Sollars developed into an international-standard runner after taking up triathlon, representing England at cross country in 1995 and 1996. She has benefited from the cross-training and, once she hit the front in the sixth kilometre yesterday, there was no doubting who would win



Halls have a swim-ride-run party

versary would be a good idea. Kim and Mike Hall had a better one (David Powell writes).

The Halls spent their ruby anniversary yesterday competing in the London Triathlon, an endurance challenge of 1,500metre swim, 40-kilometre ride and 10-kilometre run. All without a break.

Kim, 63, and Mike, 67, from Durham City, could not resist being part of the biggest triathlon

thought a party to celebrate their "Our daughters had some idea fourth in his age category at the together but it put the mockers on it when we said we were going to do this," Mike said. Kim said: "We thought: 'Let's do something different.

Instead of eat-drink-toast, they opted for swim-bike-run, lining up in the Olympic distance category, eschewing the easier sprint option.

Six weeks ago they took part in the Swanage triathlon on their way to France and Spain on

They returned to Britain on Thursday, stopping off at the London Triathlon on their way home. "Mike is a good runner and likes to do well." Kim said. "I struggle and like to finish."

Mike finished in 2hr 5imin. Unfortunately for Kim, no time was recorded. Results in her section were declared void because of a marshalling error. Those affected were offered free places next year.

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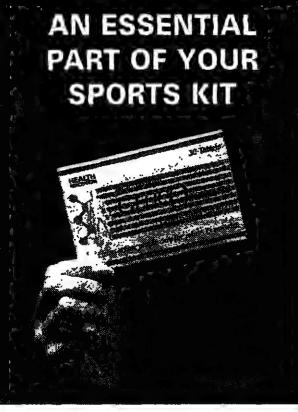
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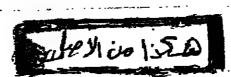
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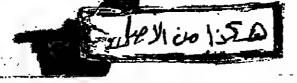
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RACING: O'BRIEN'S JUVENILE ANSWERS FEW QUESTIONS IN WINNING NATIONAL STAKES

Jury still out on King Of Kings

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HE DID not flinch as he went through a thicket of whips and rumps. He even ignored an inadvertent smack across the face from another jockey. But you will still find those suspicious that King Of Kings. while an authentic heavy-

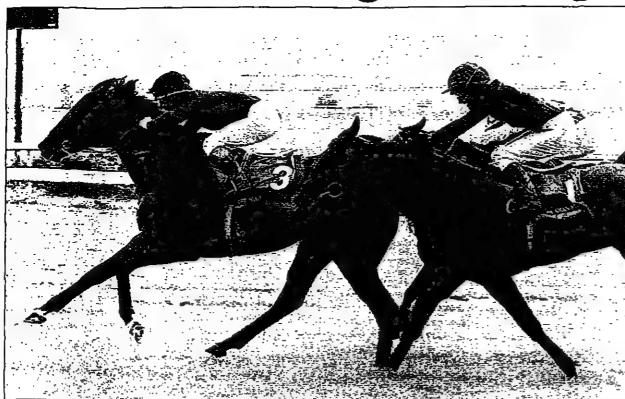
weight, has a glass jaw. The absence of Central Park from the Aga Khan Studs National Stakes here yesterday gave the colt's first group one success a slightly hollow

BIG-RACE RESULTS

IEFFORSON SAUGHT MEMORIAL RUSH ST LEGER (GROUP LESS,800 Im 6) 1 OSCAR SCHINDLER (S Crane, 2-1 p. lan), 2 Person Punch (12-1), 3. White-water Alize (4-1), Classic Cichie 2-1 p. lan 7-ran 2(2-7 is Phendage) (file 1 Toto 22-6) £1 60 £8 30 DF £47 50 CSF £25 01 AGA KHAN STUDS NATIONAL STAKES naroup 1 \$112,80 m] | KING OF KINGS (C Roche 3-9 lavi, 2, Celtic Cavatier (20-1), 3, Mountain Song (7-1), 9 ran NR Saraloga Springs 31, sh of A P O'Suon (Int Tota, C150, 51 10, 65 70, \$1 80 DF \$17 40 CSF \$17 03

feel. The fashion in which he asserted his superiority over physical inferiors raised as many questions as it answered. Bookmakers responded with a shrug, Coral retaining its sceptical stance, leaving him at 8-1 for the 2,000 Guineas, while William Hill keeps the faith at 6-1 equal favouritism (with Daggers

In the preliminaries, he stands proudly apart, a lion of a horse. But his magnificence is menaced by a mistrustful. rather neurotic air, most evident in his sweaty prancing the moment he is mounted by Christy Roche, in the race itself, he fought resentfully for his head in the early stages. He has still to race anywhere but the Curragh, but, trying a



King Of Kings captures the National Stakes at the Curragh yesterday. Photograph: Caroline Norris

mile on his fifth visit, was at least presented with a bend for the first time - and as they swung for home. Roche found himself in a pocket. The horse was still cantering, but Mountain Song, Natalis and Mowbray, labouring in front of him, blocked his path from

two furiongs out until ap-proaching the last. Then Roche saw his halfchance, and King Of Kings took it. On the face of it, it was a brave undertaking: but the face of the horse was again tilted awkwardly, and the moment he was through, he stopped - all but allowing his stablemate, Celtic Cavalier, to collar him on the outside. Mick Kinane was certainly not at his most urgent on the runner-up, who was held by threequarters of a length. "I was never worried about

gap, as I was always thinking 50 yards ahead, wondering what he would do in front." Roche said. "He did look round slightly when he got there, but I never had an anxious moment. This will always be the problem with him, next year as well. There is no problem with his ability, the power is unbelievable under you. But you will always have to time his run. to Aidan O'Brien, the colt's trainer, added: "I would not be surprised if he is finished for the season, and he may also go straight for the Guin-

eas next year. O'Brien confirmed that he still rates King Of Kings better than Second Empire, himself prominent in the classic betting. Second Empire is being aimed at either the Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket, or the Grand Criterium, back at Longchamp, where he won so flamboyantly last time.

Paris is next on the agenda for Oscar Schindler, who retrieved all his old dash to win another Irish St Leger here on

Saturday, and will now attempt to improve on last year's fast-finishing third in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

It was a heartening revival, the horse having been ill earlier in the season - but there will be no comebacks for Classic Cliche, the game and popular stayer who finished tailed off on Saturday. Simon Crisford, Godolphin's racing manager, said: There is nothing wrong with him, but he told us on Saturday that he's not enjoying his racing like he once did. He has been a magnificent servant, winning five group races, but he will now be retired to stud."

KEMPTON PARK

THUNDERER

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Timekeeper's top reting: 4,30 TEME VALLEY. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.30 FERNY HILL (nap).

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104		RED LEGGINGS (Nam. C Smith) J Hills 8-11 M Henry (3)	
(1)	0	ROBANNA 34 (P Valentine) R Alichurt 6-11	46
lSn	4	SAVOURY 18 (A Burrill) J Dunton 3-11	100
(10)		STYLISH STORM (Newbyth Start) B Halls B-11 M Halls	
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Blue Dawn 4/41 5th to Opera King in 71 Dentasian maiden (good).

Bluewain Lady 4/41 4th to Bristol Channel in 1m Lencester maiden (good to firm). Inchans shind 2nd to Hammork Way in 61 Salesbury maiden (good to firm). Savorury 5/41 4th to Flavinss in 71 Salesbury maiden (good to soil) with Yanzah (levels) 7/41 6th Previously, 2/41 3rd to Expect To Shine in 61 Newmarket maiden (good to firm) with Elsurur (levels) a further 3/41 away 4th.

INCHTINA can go one better. Eleurur best of the remainder.

2.30	EBF I	BEDFONT MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,388: 1m) (17 runners)
201 (15)		ALMAZHAR (H. al-Maldourii) E Dunice 9-0 0 0 Tomohor (S) -
202 (2)		GENERAL MONCK (Lord Chrison) B Morley 9-0
203 (3)		GOLDEN HAWA (H R H Prince Fand Salment) P Cole 9-0 T Outen
204 (6)	0	JAAZIM 13 (H al-Makerum) M Stocke 9-0 K Fallon 57
205 (4)		LUCKY DOUBLE 82 (BF) (M Subsit) R Human 8-0 Dane O'Nell .
206 (17)		MANDHAR 17 (A Al Khafita) G Lenes 9-0 Paul Eddery 41
207		MANTUSIS (Romanics) P Hams 9-0 A Clark -
TOS (14)		METH/MOON (Godolphin) S bm Sunger 9-0 D Holland -
209 (13)	00	PLASTERED IN PARIS 30 (Panies: Estraction Ports) & Montres 9-0 M Technol. 67
210 (12)	50	RADAR 68 (J Sins) M Javis 9-0
211 (51		RED BROOM LAD (Or B Seal) S Dove 9-0 5 Sanders -
212 (16)		RIOY (D T M Partnership) H Morrison 9-0
213 (8)	0	SALFORD 31 (S Manarill) L. Cumani 9-0 J Weaver 60
214 (11)		TALES OF BOUNTY (Mis M Meredith) () Provent 9-0 S Drowne
215 (1)	624	TAVERMEN SOCIETY 13 (BF) (Prox & Blue Robben Synd) A Amesiumg 9-0 G Canter [37]
216 (10)		UP THE WALL 49 (1 Company) John Marry 9-8
217 (7)	0	MYSTERIOLIS ECOLOGY 66 (W Grains) B Hills 8-9 M Hills -
BETTING 74 Double Sation	Methype rd, 14-1	ion, 9-2 Tavorniar Society, 5-1 Mysterious Ecology, 8-1 Edition Highli, 12-1 Justini, Ludly, others.

FORM FOCUS

Lucky Double 15! 8th to Toblersong in 6f Epsoin maden (soft)

Methymoon a Darshaan coff, half-brother to 11! winner True Glory
Sattord 15! 8th to Fantasy Hshard in 7f Newmarket madden (good).

Taverner Society 24:1 4th of 16 to Medicer in 7f Lecepter maden (good to firm) with Jaapin (levels) 11! 12th Mysterfous Ecology 9'4! 8th to Glorosia in 7f Newmarket maden (good to firm). TAVERNER SOCIETY looks best of those with racecourse experience

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3.	00	SPEL	THORNE HANDICAP (£3,826· 1m) (18 runners)	
301	(12) 5	523002-	LUCKY ARCHER 114J (Parishoners) J Bradley 4-10-0 P P Marolly (3)	
302			MYRTLE QUEST 156 (D.G) (Mes. M Sherife) R Charlon 5-9-13 . T Sprake	
303			THE STAGER 286J (F,G) (J Duncant J Jeniums 5-9-9	
304	(4) 5	5-55040	PRIME LIGHT 13 (B) (Mollers Racing) G Wrapp 4-9-7 6 Million (5)	73
305			POLISH RHYTHM 23 (D.S) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 4-9-5 J Need	67
306	(18) 4	1524000	DUELLO 5 (F.5) (H C Promotions Livi) M Stanshard 6-9-4 J Gorns	-83
307	(9) (1220406	VENI VIDI VICI 5 (CD.6) (T Jones) M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-2 S Drowne	74
308	(16)	000	MORAN 19 (Dr. J. Hobby) R Johnson Houghern 3-9-2 . M. Riemmer	
309	(15)	1-02452	MATOAKA 17 (Stargagers) Y State 3-9-0 R Cociyane	78
310	(2) 8	3160-00	BRISKA 20 (F) (R Shaler) R Alestrursi 3-8-13	60
311	(10)	0430	BIN CYCLONE 17 (B) (M Obarta) C Britain 3-8-13 S Sanders	71
312	(1, 3	001526	SIS GARDEN 18 (D.F.S) (A Spango Ltd) J Cultimon 4-8-12 . D O'Dondhoe (3)	51
313	(5) (0-00443	AKALBA 11 (F) (J Bossell) L Cottrell 4-8-10 D Holland	82
314	(14) 6	011300	CHASETOWN FLYER 10 (D.F.G) (D Smith) N Berry 3-8-9 . K Fallou	72
315			OLIBBLING 10 (B) (T Frost) H Carely 3-8-9	73
316			GOLDEN ACE 18 (D.G.S) (G Linder) R Spicer 4-8-9 Dean McKeonin	
317			ABSOLUTE UTOPIA 28 (D,G) (M Lawrance) N Berry 4-8-8 R Perham	80
318	(7) 6	50102/4	PRENONAMOSS 18 (D.F.G) (Mr. W Oraco) D Arbuthnot 9-8-7 M Tebbut	- 77
		Prime (J	ight, Akalum, 6-1 Vem Vich Vich 10-1 Polish Ringthor, Mattoder, Chaselown Phys., C Cortes	olden

FORM FOCUS

Lucky Archer 51 2nd to Robanzasel in 71 Lencester maden (furn)
Polish Rhythm 171 7th to one So Wonderful in 1m listed Sandown
stakes (soft) Vent Vidi Vidi 441 6th to Mythons Mistaka in 71
Sandown handicap (good to linm) with Dualto (leves), 99/1 11th. Matioaka next 2nd to Octavia Hill in
71 Epsom maiden handicap (good) with Bin Oyclone (7th better off) 281 last. Akalim neck 3nd to
Mybotyle in 71 Epsom handicap (good) Golden Ace 1441 and to Bold Desire in 14/m York handicap
(soft) Absolute Utopia 43/1 4th to African-Pard in 114m Chepstow handicap (good to soft).

AKALIM is narrowly preferred to Veni Vidi Vici



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103 (12) 9-8402 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Ropinson) (I) Hull 9-10-0 B West (4) 86 course and distance warner. IF -- health

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30	31	STAIL	KES LIMITED STAKES (E3,469: 1m 4l) (6 numers)	
401			FASIL 163J (O.F) (T Usbert J O'Shea 4-9-5 M Femion	
402	(2)	5413004	MOON BLAST 17 (F) (Augmentig Park Stud) Early Histois 3-9-1 R Conference	36
403	(4)	52221	AWESOME WELLS 13 (6) (Coveden Stud) H Croft 3-8-13 K Father	93
404			FERNY HILL 10 (D,F) (Cheveley Park Sout) M Prescot 3-8-13 S Sandars	
405			PATRIOT GAMES 20 (F) (A logisty-Machinese) M Stocks 3-8-13 J Reid	
405			ISLE OF MAN 18 (F) (H R H Prince Fand Salmin) P Cole 3-8-11 T Option	
BETTE	NG: 5	-2 Amesom	ie Wells, 3-1 Ferny Hills, 7-2 Palnol Games. 11-2 Milion Blest, 8-1 Fasti, 10-7 Isla O	I Men.

FORM FOCUS (quod) Awesome Wells best Terms Valley 3161 in 103361 (hopfeld master (good), Ferry Hill 3341 3rd to Dankssque in 115m Dancester handicap (good) Patriot Games 3441 3rd to Cugina in 115m Sandown handicap (solt), late 07 Man 481 9th to Honouroida in 115m Man 481 9th to Honouroida in 115m

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4.00 SHEPPERTON HANDICAP (£3,534: 61) (15 runners)	
581 151 2232231 MONTENORE 14 (D.F.B.S) (D Mort) M Haston-Bits 10-9-11 J Robb	87
STZ (1) 1-13125 DOMENANT ARI 6 (D.F.G) (N Greg) M Prescott 3-9-8	77
503 (7) 0200330 LA PETITE FUSEE 9 (0.F.G.S) (M Bevan) R 0 Sulivan 6-8-8 R Havilla (5)	80
304 (10) 1340000 EASTERN PROPRETS 18 (CO.F.S) (Mrs.) Purches! 6 Lenes 4-8-7 Paul Eddery	13
505 (13) 1000020 WHITE EMRI 10 (B,F,G,S) (Time Bears Racing) 8 Meeting 4-9-6 . M Textual	78
506 (14) 4-00450 LOVING AND GIVING 18 (F) (Mrs. J Winghi) H Candy 3-9-6	77
507 (1,7) 65-0021 SENORITA MATILDA 68 (D.F) LI Smith; R Hamon 3-8-3	76
508 (6) 0254140 KENTUCKY FALL 13 (D.F) (Mrs E Green) Lady Herres 4-9-2 A Chark	87
509 (7) 1111260 DISTINCTIVE DREAM 9 (8.D.F.C) (K hory) K hory 3-0-2 R Cockrane	12
518 (2) 1504205 LEVELLED 6 (D.F.G) (Margain Ltd) M Charmon 3-9-1 T Outen	86
511 (S) 1045240 BRANGLE BEAR 16 (F,S) (N/s M HII) M Barshard 3-8-12 J Cultur	84
512 (7) 0380355 SILENT MIPACLE 18 (0) (M Nam) M Bell 3-8-11	87
513 (11) 1443630 TINKER OSMASTON 14 (D.F.S) (J.Luft) R Hodges 6-8-10 Il Fallon	
514 (8) 1055401 WALK THE BEAT 44 (D.F.G.S) (Ladysmoot RC) M Meade 7-8-9 F Notion	- 34
515 (4) 6000206 BAYIN 4 (CD.F.G.S) (T Barker) M Usher 8-8-6	36
BETTING: 11-2 Mexiconice, 6-1 Senonia Maldele, 7-9 Dominant Ast, White The Book, 8-9 Silent Miracia, Loving And Giving Northschy Felf, 12-1 others.	10-1

Hontendre beal Bowlers Boy 1/4 in 51/4 Bath handloop (good) with Bayin (3th better off) 3/4 and Traker Osmaston (6th better off) 7/4 in 5th Omniment Air 2/4 in 5th to Mujore in 7/5 Sandown states (good) La Petite Fusee 3/4 in 15th to Wildwood Flower in 6 Goodwood handloop (good to soft) with Institutive Dream (1/th better off) 4/4 in 5th and Bayin (1/th wester off) 5/4 in 5th Senoriat Mattidia beal Nicker 13-1 in 51 Brighton maden handloop (film) Levelled 4/4 in 5th to Spender in 5/1 yarmouth handloop (good to firm) Sitem Wildrack 7/4 in 6th to Cord High Admiral in 51 Satisbury handloop (good to soft) with Lowing And Giving (2th better off) 3/5 th. Eastern Prophets (1th better off) 3/1 in 6th Bayin (5/th better off) 3/4 in 6th Bayin (5/th better off) 3/4 in 6th Carrier (1th Bayin (5/th better off) 3/4 in 7th.

LEVELLED, badly drawn on his last two starts, can return to form

4	30	SEAS	ONS END MAIDEN STAKES 1m 4f) (10 runners)	_
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BETT	NG 5-4		ole 7-4 Torre Valley 7-2 Sabadillo, 14-1 Lask's Rose, 20-1 Catcherons, 32-1 rathers	

FORM FOCUS Curistiruothe 1%1 2nd to Tycouness in 1% in Rigon maiden (good). My Roband 231 10th to Masharik in 1% in Windsor reaiden (good to firm). Sabadika 181 5th to Deliah in 1% or York reaiden (sell). Term Valley 3%1 2nd to Antourne Wells in 1813%1 Lingüeld maiden (good). CARTSBROOKE should groupe sufficiently to open his account

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Kempton Park

2.45 (im 3) I. Barnum Sarvis (7 Spoals, 9-4). 2. Haltana (Evens lav); 3. Wicumo (7-1). 5 ran. Nic. 1%i, J. Dunlop. Total 53.40; £1.40, £1.10. DF £1.60. CSF £4.15.

S.45 (1m) 1. Yalla (7 Spraise, 12-1); 2. Sak, St. John (6-1); 3. Secret Spring (25-1) Concer (in 3-1 fav. 8 ran. NR: Stot. Laberg NR: 3161. R Charlon. Tota C17-50, C1 10, £1 80, £4.00 DF: £55.30, Trio £160.00. CSF: £91 40. Tricast: £2,139.08 4.20 (8) 1, Surveyor (T Sprates, 5-4 tev), 2, Kannet (10-1); 3. Oh So Easy (6-1) 8 ran. 1%, 2%, J Dunlop Tote. £2 20, £1.40. £2.30. £170. DF £11.40 CSF, £13.78 7hcant £51 £8. 4.50 (7) 1, Musharek (R Hills, 3-1 fev), 2. Silver Kristel (100-90); 3, Mozambique (20-1), 13 ran. 6l, rik J Duntop. Tole-53-50; c f 60, c 150, 64,90. DF: £8.30. Trio: £87.70 CSF: £11 86.

Jackput: £7,100.00 (part won. Pool of £2,675,39 carried forward to Kampton Park today). Park today). Placepot: £484.20. Quadpot: £205,00.

Haydock Park Going: good 2.20 (5f) 1, Plaque Lady (K Fallon, 11-4). 2, Pure Coincidence (15-8 fed). 3, Star (4-1). 5 ran Nk. 21 P Harns, Tote \$2.80; \$1 20, \$1 40 DF: \$2.30 CSF, \$7.51 21.20. £1.40 DF: 12.30 CSF: £7.51
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24.00; \$2.60, \$2.70. DF: £14.80. CSF£20.65

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RICHARD EVANS

Nap: FERNY HILL (3.30 Kempton Park) Next best: Dekelsmary

DF: £19.10, Trio. £179.00 CSF £41.22. Tricast £351 77 13.55 (1m 30yd) 1, Shawm (K Fallon, 3-1 lav), 2, Decett Beauty (11-2); 3, Green Power (10-1), 13 ran kt, 61 D Loder, Tote £3.60; £1.60, £2.70, £3.40 DF, £5 10, Tho £55 60 CSF; £17 54, Tricast; £146.32. 5.00 (1m 3) 200yd 1, Largeane (J F Epan, 11-1): 2, Inverment (13-2), 3, Thops (15-2) Shadool 2-1 jex, 10 ran NR, Tanden, 3%f, 2l, John Beny Tote: E17 30; 24-40, E2-30, 22-30 DF, 296-40 Thic E30-40, CSF E78 23, Tricast-ES34-63, Oksolpot E14-20, Tote, Placepot £51.90.

Market Rasen Gains: good (good to firm patches)

2.00 (2m 1f 110)of holie] 1, Cullin Caper (R Thornton, 3-1 (f-lev), 2, Down The Yard (3-1 (-last), 3, Port Valensia (25-1), 6 ran 3 kl. 5f. TWatson, Tota: £3 30; £1 50, £1 60, DF, £4,80, CSF £11 20 2.30 (2m 4f ch ch) 1, Bramblebury (Richard Quest, 11-4), 2, Moobalder 11-21 Shair Castle 1-2 bar (f 4 ren, 291, Mrs S Smith Tote: 62-90 DF 66-20 CSF 813-56

213,95 3,95 (3m 1f chj 1, Gerrytough (A Maguire, 11-2) 2, liteer (10-1), 3, Andretot (4-1) Storminacker 11-4 (2v. 8 ran. 1-4), hd D Gardoffo, Totac CS-90; 22,70, 22,10, DF C30,40, CSF; (50.9). Tricast (228.49) 2.35 (3m India) 1. Arctic Triumph (G Bradley, Evens last: 2, St Mollion Lessure (14-1): 3, Saucy Nun (13-2), 9 nm 10, 2, M Bradstock, Toke: £1,80; £1,30; £3,40, £2.20 DF £18.60 Trio. £41.80, CSF £13.24

4-40 Cam 3t 110/pt Indig) 1, Blauster Weltman (M Renger, 11-4 [Flor), 2, Silverdale Lad (7-2); 3, Lord Rullah (11-4 [Flor), 9 ren. 24; 7t. C. Smith, Tolke 26.00; 21-40, C1-90, 21-40 DF-55-00. Trio, 52-70 CSF-£12-06

Wildwood Flower blossoms

fied a 7lb penalty for a recent Goodwood victory to capture the £75,000 Ladbroke Ayr

Gold Cup on Saturday. The 14-1 chance, ridden by Dane O'Neill, made the most of her favourable stands side draw, coming through to lead inside the final furlong. She denied Double Action by three-quarter of a length, the latter having looked set to emulate his dam Final Shot, a winner of the race seven years, when moving clear on the far side two furlengs out.

Wildwood Flower had finished fifth in the race 12 months ago when coming

WILDWOOD FLOWER de- out best of the horses racing on the far side. Her jockey, Dane O'Neill said: "She needed a little bit of luck and we were favoured by the draw this time. She's a consistent filly and she de-

69-1 DOUBLE

Richard Evans landed a 69-1 double on Saturday with his nap. Sharp Consul (9-1), and Ghataas (6-1). He also gave Perryston View (11-1) in his Ayr TV guide. Thunderer found the Ayr Gold Cup winner. Wildwood Flower (14-1), and napped Ivory's Joy (6-1) at Newbury.

served this. She took time to find her feet in the race but began to come through nicely at the two-furlong marker before quickening well with a furlong to go."
Perryston View, an II-1

chance, also plotted a course

against the stands' rail as he made all in the Silver Cup. He was well clear at the halfway stage and, though his stride was shortening in the final furlong, he never looked likely to be caught. At the line he was 14 lengths clear of Almasi with Hard To Figure third. Tiler, the subject of a huge gamble, from 12-1 down to 5-1, was well held in seventh.

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2 F-11 MUTUAL AGREEMENT 7 (F.S) P Nichols 10-11-6 (7ed) T J Heap					
3 23F2 KIMLOGH GALE 11 (B.F) Mrs M Frant 9-11-5 Mr E William					
4 3212 HAVE A BRANDY 19 (G.S) Mrs F O'Brien 8-10-11 A Magus					
5 3-57 SAXON MEAD 24 (F) P Hooks 7-10-5 B Power					
6 4/35 TROY BOY 11 (B.E) B Uswellen 7-10-2 M Gallate C					
21-F LITTLE BY LITTLE 9 (F) B Presco 7-10-0 A Thornto					
6 30-2 UP THE TEMPO 28 (BF) P Famel 8-10-0 J Culio					
9-4 Mutual Agreement, 11-4 Have A Brandy, 3-1 Saron Mond, 7-1 Ninksyn Gal					
8-1 Parson View, 16-1 Little By Little, 35-1 Up The Tempo, 33-1 Troy Boy					
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4.40 MUCH MARCLE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS

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- 1	2114	LORD NITROGEN 12 (O.F.G) B Licensyn 7-11-11 Michael Brents
2	4803	VISION OF PREEDOM 12 (F.G) P Bown 9-11-0 Compains C
3	70-5	BISHOPS CASTLE 18 (F.G.S) R Frost 9-11-6 . T O'Corson (7
- 4	-113	SRIC'S BETT 10 (F) P Murphy 4-11-3 L Auto
- 5	1-32	PAULTON 12 (B.6) k Bishou 4-10-13 G Sund
- 6	701	SIVAN STREET 151 C James 6-10-9 Mr Resty C
- 1	142	A S Jan 124 (F) U D'Neil 6-10-4
- 6	0-64	LITTLE HOOLIGAN 12 (V F) S knowle 6-10-1 R Thorsto
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-1 13	Se Hod	igan, 10-1 Bishops Casio, 12-1 others
-		-3-r. 10-1 primites creater 1C-1 miles

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANERS: M Pipe, 33 winners from 104 numers, 31 7%, N Twiston-Garres, 28 from 95, 29 5%, P Hobbs, 14 from 62, 22.6%, P Murphy, 5 from 26, 19.2%, P Bowen, 4 from 21, 19.0%, R Buckler 6 from 34, 17.6%, JOCKEYS: 6 Supple, 3 eliments from 7 rides, 42.9%; C Hewellyn, 21 from 73, 28.9%; B Fertion, 7 from 25, 26.0%, A McCoy, 20 from 73, 27.4%, A Magaze, 10 from 41, 24.4%; T J Marphy, 5 from 22, 22.7%.

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S FIVE MEETINGS

Newbury

Going: good to soft 2.00 (1m 7yd) 1, Bin Rosin (X Falton, 4-5 fav); 2, Fatchildy (5-2). 3 Musical Pursui (6-1), 5 ran 4, 11-1 D Loder, 10e E 170; £1 30, £1.50, DF £1.50 CSF-£2.65 E1 30, E1 50, DF E1 50 CSF- C2 45
2.30 (8) 8yd 1, Arkadian Hero (K Fallon, 4-9
[ant): 2, Jammy Too (16-1), 3, Pool Muse;
(12-1), 7 ram NR: Bernstra Swing NR, III, L
Currant Toter E1 80: E1 40, E2 80 DF
E7 20 CSF E8 36
3.00 (1m 2) 6yd 1, Sharp Consul (C Ruse;
9-10, 2, Lomberto (33-1); 3, Istoff (14-1)
Garro Ploy, Grail 9-2 8-lav 15 ram NR: Soptgrander, Varob, 2, Sil M Camby Tote, E10 20;
E7 70, E11 20, E470 DF E182 40, Tro
E1 412 00 CSF E682 71 (Trosett E2, 722, 35
5.00 (1m St 8) 6) 47; Derapour st, Fallon, 9-4 2.30 (tm 51 81yd) f. Derapour st. Fallon, 9-4 tant. 2. Beauchamp Jade (14-1); J. Shajaem (1) 13 nm 147 Searroter Starty 14, nt. J. Cament Tote (2:90, £1 70, £3 90, £2 60 DF 522 10 Ton £150 50 CSF: £254.48 Tincact £254.30 234.99 Incast £354.30 (Martin Dayer, 6-1); 2. Emperor Nafreem (12-1); 3. Monte-Lemos 5-1 is 4an); Extourre 3 William 5-1 g-time 11 ran Ns. rat K bory Tote 25 50; £2 00, 64 10, £2-40, DF £131.40 Time £251.90 CSF £72.50 Taleast £366.34

CSF- 272.50 Mosett E366 34
4.30 (1m 7yd) 1, Princo Of Denui (T Curin, 14-1), 2, Sueen Withstrama (9-1); 3, La Modelio (9-2 ke/), 4, Safam 16-1); 20 run Ah, 14-1 D Arrotateut, 1640 C18-50; 23-60, 22-10, 51-90, 511-00 DF- 596-20 Teo C566-50 CSF- 513-67 Timast E528-59
5.00 (6f 8yd) 1, Poly Blue (R Fleunch, 16-1), 2, Turnthewed Prospect (8-1), 3, Advisinger (10-1) Deep Space 5-4 law 19 ran 148, Towen, 31, 31 Miles 6, Collamay Tole 129-68, 10, CSF- 5123-99
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Comicine (11-a), 3, Lady Rachel (33-1) 12

2.25 1, Top Cess (9-2 (-kay), 2, Gold Desire (16-1); 3, Calobe Runner (9-2 (-kay), 13 ran NR Holn Express, Manhul 3,05 1, Pernyston View (11-1); 2, Almass (10-1); 3, Hard to Figure (25-1); 4, Kin (25-1); 14 rat to Figure (25-1); 4, Kin (25-1); 3, Hard to Figure (25-1); 4, Kin (25-1); 3, Hard to Figure (25-1); 4, Kin (25-1); 3, Hard to Figure (25-1); 4, Winter Romance (6-1); Sacho 5-2 (av 8 ran 14-1); 2, Double Action (10-1); 3, Superior Premain (33-1); 4, Astz (33-1); 0, Ggt 6-1 (av 29 ran 4.51; Solar Storm (11-1); 2, Somerion Boy (16-1); 3, Safa (11-2); 4, Rebol County (12-1); Kernemeas Sar 4-1 (av 19 ran 14-1); 3, Cosmic Case (33-1); Hunterwood (44-1); 3, Cosmic Case (33-1); Hunterwood (44-1); 4, Cosmic Case (33-1); Hunterwood (44-1); 4, Cosmic Case (33-1); Hunterwood (44-1); 5, Cosmic Case (33-1); Cos

Carlisle 1.45 1, Wayuphili M-11 law 2. Ched Of Norassan (11-1), 3. Doni Forgot Curds (5-1), 7 ran

Judgoot: £22,595.60.
Placepool: £200.80.

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3.50 1. Tessagoe (5-2 taw) 2. Double Eght
11-2). 3. Mad Misterit (13-2). 7 ran.

4.25 1. Ziggy's Vtola (7-4 tay) 2. Rongustal
D'or (9-2): 3. Hever 30ff Angel (12-1) 7 ran.

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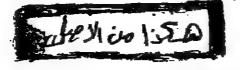
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Wolverhampton 7.00 1, Padro (11-4 lav), 2, Copernicis (5-1), 3, Wusa Venture (4-1) 8 ran.

fav 13 ran

9.00 1, Takhlid (16-1), 2, Beyond Calculefon (11-2) 3, Naper Star (12-1) Barrach
Yard 3-1 fav, 13 ran

9.30 1 Robbo (10-1); 2, La Menorquina
(4-1); 3, Sakse Lad (13-2), Pointe Fine 11-4
fav, 11 ran MR. Swordding
9.00 1 Wildcat (6-4 tav), 2 Prik Tickel (9-2)
3 Enticeror 2 Gold (11-1), 11 ran MR.
Romantic Socret.
9.30 1 Entilskin Invader (16-1); 2, Soul



ATHLETICS Track and field

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Track and field

ALGOARLAN, Hungary: International impinguals: Men (Winners and British), 1, Soloriayor (Cuba) 2,32m, 2 C Austin JS 2,2,4, B Challenger (Chamwood), 10m Pole vault; 1, Pol. 54km 4 T Thomas (Swansear 5 02m yomer High jump, 1, D Jancewicz (Pol. 92m, 5, 5 Jones (Wigan), 1,84m, 5, Jenning (Esser Ladies), 1,84m, 5, Jenning (Esser Ladies), 1,84m, 5, Jenning (Esser Ladies), 1,84m, 2, J Whitlock (Ca), 4,23m, 2, J Whitlock (Ladies), 3,53 March result; 1, rollend, 1,9tc, 2,6 essex Ladies), 3,53 March result; 1, rollend, 1,9tc, 2,6 essex Ladies), 3,53 March result; 1, rollend, 1,9tc, 2,6 essex Ladies), 3,53 March result; 1, rollend, 1,9tc, 2,6 essex Ladies), 3,53 March result; 1, rollend, 1,9tc, 2,6 essex Ladies), 3,53 March result; 1, rollend, 1,9tc, 2,6 essex Ladies), 3,53 March result; 1, rollend, 1,9tc, 2,6 essex Ladies), 3,53 March result; 1, rollend, 1,9tc, 2,6 essex Ladies), 3,53 March result; 1, rollend, 1,9tc, 2,6 essex Ladies), 3,53 March result; 1, rollend, 1,9tc, 2,6 essex Ladies), 3,53 March result; 1, rollend, 1,9tc, 2,6 essex Ladies), 3,53 March result; 1, rollend, 1,9tc, 2,6 essex Ladies), 3,54 March result; 1, rollend, 1,9tc, 2,6 essex Ladies), 3,54 March result; 1, rollend, 1,9tc, 2,6 essex Ladies), 3,54 March result; 1, rollend, 1,9tc, 2,6 essex Ladies), 3,54 March result; 1, rollend, 1,9tc, 2,6 essex Ladies), 3,54 March result; 1, rollend, 1,9tc, 2,6 essex Ladies), 3,54 March result; 1, rollend, 1,9tc, 2,6 essex Ladies), 3,54 March result; 1, rollend, 1,9tc, 2,6 essex Ladies), 3,54 March result; 1, rollend, 1,9tc, 2,6 essex Ladies), 1,54 March result; 1,55 essex Ladies), 1,55

Road running

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Women: IM Bradley (Overion) 28,05. 2. B
Harigan Brichheld) 28,18. 3. S. Brasdomy
(Aldershot Farmham and Destrict) 25.00.
Team: 1. Overton tupls; 2. Basingstoke
and Mid Hants 26. Veteran; K. Wheeler
(Overtom) 3.22

Fell running

AUSTRALIAN RULES

WISTRIAN LEAGUE: Semi-final: Ad-fiside frows 12.21 (93) bi Western fulldog 13 13 (91)

BASEBALL

MATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday Philadelphia 10 Chicago Cubs 5 (6rmc); Florida 5 New York Metz. 2; St. Louts 6 Philadelphi 5 (11mms); Constmath 5 Houston 4, Albanta 2 Montreal 1: Colorado 6 Lus Angeles 4, San Francesco 7 San Diego 4 Saturdoy; Houston 4 Cinchinati 1 New York Moss 7 Florida 3, Philadelphia 3 Chicago Cubs 2, Colorado 2 Los Angeles 1; San Diego 12 San Francisco 2, St. Louer 1 Philadelphia 10, Montreal 1 Allama 3 est division

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BUDWESER LEAGUE: Manchester 71 [Churchwell 22, New 18, M Blown 14], London Tower, 78 [Lewis 27, h Brown-Robinson 14], Tharmer Valley & (Holley 3), Arena 17, McCord 18), Newcastle 89

(Pholps 34, McGoe 15, Scartlebury 13), Worthing 91 (Swords 25, Faus 21, Calon 19), Crystal Policio 81 (Wodel 27 Specific 15, Martin 12), Waltord BD (Burns 24 Ruthil 10, Noel 9), Dorby 90 (Purliedge 31, Berry 25)

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MEN'S NATIONAL TROPHY: Pool matches: Covertry 73 Aston Adanto 70, Finishino 81 Stoke 95; Manchester 67 Shelled 63. Northampton 39 Notampham 73, Oxford 50 Reading 58. Plymouth 68 Cordit 61 Slough 58 Barking and Dagenham 73, South Wales 79; Thomes Valloy 59 Bruton 61; Ware 94 Lalicestor 74, Westminder 66 Solicit 71 Women's National Cally. Plant mounts of the Print mounts of the Print and Print Pri

WOMEN'S NATIONAL CUP: First round:
Doncastor 58 Liverpool 61 Manchester 60
Tyne and Wear 50, NW London 108 South
Wales 31; Plymouth 49 Solors 41, Wondeworth 50 Chelmiters 48 **BOWLS**

SOHAM: International Indoor masters:
Round robin stage: Group one: G Harlow
of 1 Eventi 9-3, 9-6, G Smith bit Eventi 9-3,
9-0: Horlow bit Smith 2-8, 9-5, 9-2: Group
wo: H Dutt bit R Corso 9-2, 4-9, 9-5; Duff bit
P Byrne 9-6, 9-0: Corsie bit Byrne 9-2, 9-0
Group free: M King bit M Bysouth 9-4, 9-4,
J Price bit Byrouth 9-3, 9-0; King bit Price
y-6, 9-1: Group four: A E Thornson bit
F Inuring 9-6, 9-3; Thornson bit D Country
9-5, 1-9, 9-5; Gourtry bit Trushing 9-2, 9-7
Countre Inhals: Harlow bit Gourlay 7-5, 7-4,
7-5: Counte bit King 7-2, 6-7, 7-0, 7-1: Duff
brice 7-6, 5-7, 3-7, 7-2, 7-2, Thornson bit
Smith 7-6, 7-1, 7-4: Semi-finals: Harlow bit
Duff 7-3, 7-0, 4-7, 7-3, Thornson bit Hudlow 7-3,
7-4, 7-2
ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA: Travelsphere

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ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA: Travelsphere EWBA nelional inter-citio championship: Quantor-linats: Potorborough and Dictare bit Anrike, Exec. 3-1. Blackwell bit Tewkesbury. 3-1. Croydon and with Sandy Conservative. 2.2. (Coydon won 12-70 on shots difference); Lincoln Park, 1-adio: 1-ad-with Dorcheuler 2-2. (Lincoln Park, 1-adio: 1-adio-processor and the Blackwell 2-2. (Petarborough ised with Blackwell 2-2. (Petarborough won 77-71 on shots, difference); Coydon et Lincoln Park. 3-1. Final: Peterborough bit Croydon 4-0.

EGHAM: Ashbourne Homes All-England. Poterborough bi Croydon 4-0
EGHAM: Ashbourne Homes All-England mixed pairs oftengioreship: Cuestor-finals: R and J Poppy (Buckinghumchrus) bit M Dealter and G Agnes Hertifordshipe 29-8
S Band-Bodek and k Allen (Middlesen) bit M Hopgood and J Chanoy (Essay 24-17. C McCiral and T On (Surrey) bit D Kennelly and D Howack (rorkshire) 19-16, D Bowlie and V Geacey (Northamptonshipe bit N and D Hokker (Borkshire) 21-8 Semi-finals: Bard-Bodek and Allen bit Poppy and Poppy 18-15, McGrad and On bit Bowle and Geatey 21-20 fallor eskins end) Final: Barl-Bowliek and Allen bit McGrad and On 29-12
BROADSTAIRS: Open fournament Men's pairs: Semi-finals: A Gwynn and D Shudis bit R Nowbold and C Extidy 21-15, N. Stude and R Pitcher by R Crouch and D Zapp

Intermediate: 1, Swede in (A Hoy) 32ptc-2, Crown Lapis Lazula (S Taylor) 33p, 3, Crackerjack III (R Waygood) 36. Open intermediate: 1, Gardeur (E Winter) 32; 2 McRattles (S Newmon) 33. 3. Sarnitys Helenia (M Riyan) 41 GOLF

FOR THE RECORD

GYMNASTICS

HOCKEY

MANCHESTER World acrosses dramp-tonship. I, Russia 94 marks 2 equal, China, and Ultraine 91 4, Great Britain 86; 5, Poland 78, 6, Bulgana 69

SAN ANTONSO, Tesas: PGA Open: Leaders after three rounds (United States unloss stated) 202: T Herron 71, 67, 64. 203: R Fohr 70, 67, 65, 204: P H Horgan 68, 70, 66. D Waldert 68, 68, 70, 205: M Springer 69, 68, 72, 206: C Parry (Aus) 68, 68, 70, 207: T Trybas 69, 70, 68, D Barron 69, 68, 70, 207: T Trybas 69, 70, 68, D Barron 69, 69, 70; B Fabol 68, 68, 71, 208: B Cerberger 67, 72, 69; R Cochian 69, 70, 70, 69, 13 Gallagher 67, 71, 70; L Mattiaco 68, 70, 70; B Hughes (Aus) 69, 64, 75, 208: R Forman 69, 71, 68; K Corner 68, 71, 70; T Tyyor 67, 71, 71, M Brisky 65, 71, 73, 201: H Kass (Llapan) 68, 71, 72, 211: H Kass (Llapan) 68, 71, 72, REFRATH, Colorane, Hennessy Cust

ICE HOCKEY

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP: Basing-stoke Bison 2 Cardel Deals 4 Notingham Paratiess 11 Peterborough Parales 1; Packey Parales 3 Newcestic Cobras 13, Sheffield Sootiers 4 Manchester Storm 9; Shugh Jats 0 Bracknell Bees 7, Tethord Tigors 2 Ayr contish Eagles 12

LACROSSE

IROQUOIS CUP: Final: Metor 38 Puricy 0 MOTORCYCLING

ALBACETE, Spant: World superbike championship: First round: 1 J Knomak (U.S. Horda) spream 22 58sec. 2. A Ship (U.S. Horda) 40mm 22 58sec. 2. A Ship (N.Z. Horda) 40mm 33; 4. A Yanagawa Lizpan, Kawasaki) 40:36:311; 5. PF Child (I. Ducati) 40:42:772. 6. P Bornampi (I. Kawasaki) 40:49:035. 7. G Lavilla (Sp. Ducati) 40:50:076. 8. M Hale (U.S. Suzuki) 40:50:502. 9. J Schmid (Ger Kawasaki) 41:08:303. Second round: 1, Kocaraki 40:21:938: 2. Orstar 40:23:741. 3, Kight 40:22:938: 2. Orstar 40:23:741. 3, Kight 40:22:938. 4, Yangawa 40:24:268. 5, Sr. Russeli (U.S. Yangawa 40:24:268. 5, Sr. Russeli (U.S. Yangawa 40:24:268. 5, Sr. N. Hodgson (GB. Ducati) 41:07:432. 9, Hale 41:07:932. 10, J Windern (GB. Suzuki) 41:09:459. Leading chemploriship positions: 1 Kocarsu Sélpis 2, C Fogarty (GB) 312: 3, Srght 285. 4, Chili 203. 6, Russeli 201.

MOTOR RACING

SILVERSTONE: Auto Tracter RAC touring car chemponship: Round 23 (17 laps, 32 39 mice) 1, A Meru (Switz, Benault Lag.-na) 24mm; 13.272sec 2, A Rad (GB. Nasan Partena) at 2.308sec 3, 19 lato (GB. Nasan Partena) at 2.308sec 3, 19 lato (GB. Renault Lagura) 5.695; 4, G Tarquin III. Honda Accord) 9.64 5, K Burt (GB. Nissan Pirmera) 13.413; 7, J Trumpson (CB. Nesan Pirmera) 13.413; 7, J Trumpson (CB. Audi A4) 18.999, 9, P Watts (GB. Paugeol 406) 20.256; 10, P Radssch (GB. Faugeol 406) 20.256; 11, P Rads (GB. Faugeol 406) 20.256; 12, R Rydol (Swe. Volvo S40) 20.805; 8, Burt (23.07), 9 Watts 26.518; 10 Whoy (GB. Ford Mordisol) 34.932 Leading final championship positions; 1, Meru 281pts, 2, Bela 171, 3, Patio 170, 4, Rydol 137 5, Thompson 132; 6 Tarquin 130, 7, J Britchilde (GB. Audi 119; 8, Lesb 87, 9, T Harviey (CB. Pougeot) 66, 10, Burt 60 Manufacturers championship; 1, Renault 278pts; 2, Audi 210, 3, Honda 209; 4, Volvo 191, 5, Nissan 155; 6, Pougeot 118, 7, Ford 113, 8 Vaunhall 106 AUL ENGLAND WOMEN'S HOCKEY
ASSOCIATION: Premier division: Highrown 2 Slough 4 Sutton Coldfield 1 Calton
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Brachroll 0 Wirrbieden 2, Bradford
Swithenbank 1 Leucester 4 Chelmstond
Highway 7 Sundarland Bedans 0 Second
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RALLY OF INDONESIA. Leading final positions. 1. C Sanz (Sp. Ford) 4tr 37mm, 30sec 2. J kankkuren (Fr. Ford) 4 37 46. 3, K Enksson (Swe, Subasul 4 38 49. 4. Rurts (GB, Mitsubsh) 4 29.24. 5. Y Fullmoto (Japan, Toyota) 4 58 34. 6. K Singh (Malaysia, Proton) 5 03 02.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Divisional Premiership Semi-finale

Hull Sharks: Tnes: Johnson 2 Gray, Hep. Hower, Holmes. Schultz Vakona Goals: Hewer 6 Dropped goal: Hower, Whitehaven Warriors: Tnes: Kodie, I. Smith, Lestor, Quels. Goal: Hothenngion. Att. 4,364. Keighley

Keightey Cougars. Try: Foster Goals: Robinson 2 Huddersteld Glants: Tries: Cheetham, Harmon, Weston Goals, Cook 3 Atr 2 450 STONES PREMIERSHIP: Ser Helens 32 Castleford Tigers 18

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Premier division: Egemont 31 Askam 4
Heworth 16 Wainey Central 20. Leigh
Miners 36 Beverley 16 Saddicworth 14
Oldham 57 Anno's 20 West Hull 31 Dudley
Hall 2: Wigan St Patrick's 37 Maylield 20
Woolston 28 Look Lane 22 First division:
Blackbrook 14 Wigan St Jude's 18
Eactmoor 36 Leigh East 35, Milterd 4
Rechall 32: Millom 35 Virulaugh 10, Outton
15 Moldgreen 12 Shaw Cross 34 Barrow
Island 14, Thornhall 24 East Leeds 8
Second division: Dewisbury Moor 19 Hull
Dockers 4, Dodworth 26 Crostleids 24
Feotherstone Amaleur 14 Ecotes 2 London
Strilents 12 Saddis 24: New Earser's 32
Nomanton 12, Ovenden 26 York Acom 24
AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE (ARL) Preliminary AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE /AFIL) Preliminary finals; Newcostle 17 North Sydney 12 Marty 17 Sydney City 16

AUSTRALASIAN SUPER LEAGUE: Grand final; Brisbane 26 Crorulla 8 SHOOTING

BISLEY: Inter-Services pistol champion-ships: Standard pistol iteams of sid: 1, RAF 3,214pts (SALE P Fippani 553) 2, Regular Army 3,102 (Ma). R Skelmeding-Hare 543): 3, Royal Navy 2,723 (CPo Cawtord 526) Centre fire: 1, RAF 3,339/s (Fippani 554) 2, Regular Army 3,296 (Ma) E Feldmann 550) 3, Royal Navy 2,731 (Crawtord 550) Standard pistol: 1, Great Britain 3,283pts (B Smin 562, 2 Combined Services 3,261 (P Fippani 566) Centre fire: 1, Great Britain 3,389 (s) (M Gatt 578); 2 Combined Services 3,370 (Sgt S Pengolly RAF 575) Surrey rifle championships:

Centrary Prize (Occen's II 1. A Smath 105 19 ats. 2. 0 Crispin 105 13 3, P Patel 105 17 5t George's aggregate. 1, Mescer 255 40pts 2. Bayte 254 39 3. J. Beltimger 252 11 Willoughby aggregate (800 and 900 yards) 1, D Rohards 150 25pts. 2, R Barrington 150 24 3, A Chown 150 23 Surrey Open: 1, P Bennison 472 60pts: 2, M Walton 471,66, 3, D Richards 471,65 Surrey Closed: 1, Bernison 367 56pts. 2, P Patel 365 53 3, D Crispin 396 51

BELING. International Super Challenge Final. S Davis (Eng. bt. J White (Eng.) 7-4 SPEEDWAY

SNOOKER

BLITE LEAGUE: Peterborough 43 Poole
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(Soul and Wolverhampton) 2 (4), 4, S. Drabik
(Pol) 1 (1)

TENNIS

TOKYO: Women's tournament Semi-finals: M Seles (LS) bt N Savarmattu (Japan B 3 & 1; A Sanchez Vicano (Sp) bt Y Basulu (Indo) 1-6, 7-6, 6-4 Final; Seles bt Sanchez Vicano 6-1 3-6 7-6 DAVIS CUP: World group: Seme-finals; DAVIS CUP: World group: Semi-finals: Sweden 4 Italy 1 (Sweden names Iris) J Bjorkman br 0 Campora:e 6-7, 6-3 6-2 3-6 6-3 T Engist last to R Futtan 3-6 6-3 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 N kwin and Bjorkman of D 6-4, 3-6, 6-3* N kulh and Blottenan of D Nargico and Comporesc 6-1, 8-1, 8-2. Bjotkman bit Futian 4-6, 6-4, 6-0, 6-4. Enquat bit Camporesc 6-3, 8-7, 6-3, United States 3 Austratia 1 (United States names Irsa* M Chang of P Ratier 6-4, 1-4, 6-3, 6-4 P Sampras bit M Frispopus as 6-1, 6-2, 6-4 Sampras and T Martin test to T Woodbridge and M Wecotories 3-6, 7-6, 6-2, 6-4; Sampras bit Ratio 6-7, 6-1, 6-1, 8-4, World group qualifying round: German, 5 Mexico 0, Belgium 3 France 2, Russia 3 Romania 2, Brazil 3 New Zealand 0, Storakia 3 Canada 1, Embalbus 3 Austra 2, Norway 3 Pertugal 2, Switzerland 3, South sores 2.

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LEADING SCORERS: 50: D Lee (London Soutish 1 ty, 6 conversions 9 penalty opals, 2 dropped goals) 45: M Rayer (Bedford, 66, 11pg) 44, J Faber (Excite 2t, 2c, 10pg) 38; L (Griffins (Watertoo 7c 9pg) 34; S Verbichas (Onell, 2t 3c, 6pg) 33; J Harris (Coventry; 11pg)

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Broadstreet 30, Keniworth 38 Leighton
Bizzard 11; Scumhorpe 44 Manefield 8,
Stoke-on-Trent 23 Hereland 11; Systan 6
Banbury 10, Wasrieigh 35 Darby 6,
Whitchurch 41 Camp Hill 18; Wolven-hampton 3 Burion 39,
LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: First division: Basingstoke 53 Askeans 0; Hariow
76 Charlton Park 15; Normon 79 Southand
9; Old Mark-Whitghtons 17 Guildford and
Godelning 27, Sutton and Epsom 19
Trumock 13, Suanos 41 Chesthant 3,
Sudbury 23 Rursip 23, Wimbledon 22
Thaner Wanderers 20
SOUTH WEST: First division: Bracknell 22
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Matson 22 Strout 10; Percance-Newlyn 66
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Welsh League First division

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SRU League Trophy

Edinburgh Ac 44 Currie Gala 24 Henot's FP Glasgow Hawks 52 Kinkcaldy Hawnok 10 Musselburgh Metrose 84 Preston Lodge Group B Boroughmuir 43 Stirting County Dundee HSFP 16 Jed-Forest 27 Biggar 10 Kilmarnock fland 68 Peebles West of Scotland of Pedides GROUP C. Gordonars 18 Aberdeen GSEP 9 Grangemouth 40 Stewart's Metville FP 12 GROUP D. Hellhead/Jordanhill 8 Selkill 23.

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South Western Districts 30 (in Witbank),
Eastern Province, 26 Natel 57 in Port
Electrooth



Jonah Lomu, the New Zealand wing, returned to the rugby union field this weekend after kidney trouble, scoring two tries for Counties' second team

CRICKET

First Test match

Zimbabwe v New Zealand HARARE (lourth day of final New Zooland, with eight second-minings wickers in hand, need 339 nins to beat Zimbabwe ZIMBABWE: First inrungs 298 (G W Flower 104, C L Carms 5 for 50).

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Second Imnings
G J Rennie C Hams b O'Connor 57
G W Flower c Florming b O'Connor 151
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Total (9 wkts dec) FALL OF WICKETS 1-156, 2-218, 3-231, 4-263, 5-264, 6-290, 7-290, 8-290, 9-311 BOMUNG: O'Connor 26-3-73-3 Davis 13-2-45-2 Carris 9-0-44-0; Vetton 13-2-40-0; Harris 5-3-11-0, Asile 25-5-2-86-2

NEW ZEALAND: First Irrings

Extras (b 4. to 1) . . . FALL OF WICKETS: 1-44, 2-44, 3-89, 4-96, 5-135, 6-147, 7-189, 8-198, 9-204 BOMUNG: Street 23-2-63-1 J A Rennie 81-32-0 BC Streng 19-10-29-3, PA Strang 15-2-37-2. Whitail 5-0-15-0, Huckle 14-3-32-2

Second Innings Extras (nb 1) Total (2 wids)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-63, 2-64. BCMUNG Streak 5-1-14-0; BC Strang 6-2-15-0; Whatali 4-1-14-0; P A Strang 4-2-1-8-1, Huckle 2-0-12-1 Sahara Cup

India v Pakistan

TORONTO jindia won loss) India beal Pakistan by saven wickets PAKISTAN Seed Anwar b kuruvilla Sharid Amdi e Karim b Mohaniy "Rama Raja e karim b Gunguly ijaz Anmed a Jadeje b Sodhi Salim Malik e Singh b Ganguly Mohi khan e Tendulkar b Sodhi Catan Malikara di Ambia Ambana Malikara b Azhar Mahmood not out ... Saglain Mushtag not out

Total (6 wkgs, 28 overs)

FALL OF WICKETS 1-31, 2-46, 3-72, 4-95, 5-107, 6-156 BOWLING Kumwiis 6-0-29-1 Mohenty 5-0-35-1, Sodhi 6-0-25-2, Singh 6-0-33-0; Genguly 6-2-29-2. NDIA

Total (3 wkts, 25.3 overs) ______ 182 R S Drawd, V G Kembl. R R Singh, 18 S Kanm, A P Kuruwiller, D Mohanity and H S Socihi dad not bet.

FALL OF WICHETS: 1-8, 2-41, 3-54

BOMMING: Agib Javed 4.3-0-35-0; Shahid Nazir 6-0-38-3 Mohammad Aliram 5-0-27-0 Azhar-Mahmood 5-0-25-0: Saqkim Mushaq 5-0-31-0 Umpres S.A. Bucknor (West Indian) and R.E. Roertzen (South Alnea)

CYCLING

TOUR OF SPAIN: Fourteenth stage (Ovedo-Col to Naranco Peak, 169-5km) 1 JV Garcia Acosta (Sp. Banesto) 4hr 7mm 10sec: 2 M Procol (it. Brescutal) at 1118.3. 10sec; 2. M Piccoli (It. Brescald)] eti 118. 3, B Thibout (Fr. Cottairs) 1733; 4. M Hvestija Slovensa, Caratra Tollo) 1.51; 5, D Neissen (Holl, Rabobank) 2.34. Pitieerith stage (Ovedo to Covedoriga Lakes, 155km), 1. P. Torikov (Russia, Maper-GB) 4hr 3mm 55cc; 2, A Zülle (Switz ONCE) at 18sec 3, J.M. Jimenez (Sp. Banesto) 24, 4, F. Escattra (Sp. Kelme-Costa Blanca) 28; 5, L. Jafeberi (Fr. ONCE) 35. Leading positions: 1, Zülle 64hr 57min 55cc; 2, Escattra at 2 min 46sec; 3, L. Dutaux (Switz, Lotus) 3.39. 46sec; 3, L Dutaux (Switz, Lotus) 3:39
LAC DE MADINE, France: Grand Prix des Nations (72km) 1. U Peschel (Gar) 1hr 30mn 52sec; 2, M Streel (Bel) at 24sec; 3, C Boardman (GB) 44, 4, E Segnetor (Fr) 53; 5, E Broukmix (Holf) at 1mm 11sec; 6, J Museeuw (Bel) 1:12, 7, R Viconque (Fr) at 154; 8, C Moreau (Fr) at 155; 9, G Magham (Fr) 1.59; 10, P Lance (Fr) at 2mm 30sec OTHER RACES: Tour of the Peak (Budon 86 miles) 1. J. Tamner (Controlware) 3nd 28mm 47ec. 2. S Gamble (Controlware) at 125 3. J. Hurt. (Bonesto) same time Leading final overall positions: BCF Premier Calender series: 1, J. Tamner 395pts. 2. R. Hayles (Team Ambrossa) 222, 3. J. Clay (Manchester Pricorb) 202 Moray Firth CC (Foyers, 45 miles): 1, A. Wright (Sandy Wolloos Cyclos) 155:52; 2. D. McArlam (Calgorim CC) at 3:06, 3, A. Wert (Decsde Trustle) 3:07. Fallerik BC handicap (St. miles): 1. W. Barr (Bonnyrigg) CC 201.50; 2, R. Regen (Falkrik BC) at 9:sec. 3, J. McQuade (Chryston Wheelers) same time. OTHER RACES: Tour of the Peak (Burdon,

TIME TRIALS: RTTC circuit series: Final TIME TRALS: HTTC circuit series: Final round (Borton Is-Clay, Bedfordshire, 42 miles) 1, M Betheld (Stone Wheelers) 1fr 30mm 21sec; 2, R Prebble (Wernbley RC) 134.52, 3, A Williamson (Addas-SoCon) 135.16. Final overall: 1, A Williamson 91pis, 2, J Glactwell (Edinburgh BC) 90, 3. D Sweeney (Rocsongham Fotest Wheelers) 84. Women (21 miles; M Johnson (Team.)

Lusso) 51.27. Leading overall positione: M Johnson 98pts Utster circuit championship (Nurts Corner, 50 Midmetres) 1.1 Chivers (Copus CC) 1.05:33; 2, J Boone (South Deny Wheelers) 1:36:17:3, D McCall (Manyland Wheelers) 1:36:17:33, D Manyland 1:36:21 Lancashire RC (Gastarry, 50 miles) D Perry (Prestor Wheelers) 1:56:04 Doncaster Wheelers (Byth, North Nottinghamshire, 25 miles), G Plans (Coskille Wheelers) 50:04 Rectardige CC (Hottleid Peward Essex, 25 miles) A Homer (Leo RC) 50:09 Hall Thursday RC (North Cave, 25 miles) J Warmman (Hull Thursday RC) 52:49 Poole Wheelers (Avon Forest, 25 miles) C Brooks (VC Carnejot) 53:11 Norwood Paragon (Crawley 25 miles) P Walfors (Wermblay RC) 54:45. Haron RC (Stone, Stationashire, 25 miles) S Hulmo (Team Freetown) 54:55. Haron RC (Stone, Stationashire, 25 miles) S Hulmo (Team RC) RC) 16:456. File Century RC (Heuche, 25 miles) S Hulmo (Team RC) RC) 16:456. File Century RC (Heuche, 25 miles) S Budie (Rockongham Forest Wheelers) 10:00:2 65. Corsa (Ilvo up handicap, Garloge, Grampunth CC (Lowetsoft, 25 miles) G Taylor (Lo RC) 57:43. Northempton and District CA (Million Keynes, 25 miles) G Budie (Rockongham Forest Wheelers) 1:00:2 65. Corsa (Ilvo up handicap, Garloge, Grampunth CC (Lowetsoft, 25 miles) G Proposition, West Susser, 10 miles): S Williago Charlow, Hernoshire, 20 miles) R Probble (Wembley RC) 43:12. Portsmouth North End CC (Furtingion, West Susser, 10 miles): S Williago Charlow, Hernoshire, 10 miles): K Williago (Harobox CC) 20:22 (course and G Stirzaker (Middindge CRT) 20:58 Bishop's Stortford CC (Audiey End, 10 miles): L Carmish (West Chestor Charles): L Suthard (Chestor Charles): L Suthard (Chestor Charles): L Suthard (Chestor Chestor Commiles): L

TOUR MATCH (one day) Bydiney: Trans-vaal 296-7 (D N Crookes 157 not out, N Pothas 55): New South Wates 202-6 (R Chee Quee 92 J Bray 66) Transysal was on leaser on one

Crise (Liber 92 Shely both Newscass was on laster full rate APS TWO COUNTIES CHUMPIONISHEP. Copdock and Olis 147 Bury St Edmunds 149-7, Maldon 215-2 Fration 185-8, Clarton 215-7 Withorn 181, Whenthoe 114 Missiley

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WILLIAM YOUNGER NORTH LANCASHIRE LEAGUE: Askam 99-9 Datton
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188-9 Uherston 94-9: Carrisch 134
Hevengo 23; Whitehaven 207-7 Lindal
208-3, Vickers Sports 95 Midom 96-8
Vickerstown 241-5 Permith 182-5 (Permith
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LITTLEWOODS LIVERPOOL. AND DISTRICT LEAGUE: Britishhead Park. 175-6
Northern 177-3: Bolton 146-7 St Helens. 66-7; Colwyn Bay. 171-7 Oston 173-5
Formby 134 Bootle 135-3; Wigan 155
Huyton 126; Neston 205-8 Ormskirk 213-3, Northop Hall 182-8 Liverpool 180-8; New Brighton 207-9 Setton 210-3, Southpool and Briddele 173-6 Marchwell 33 Wellacry. 184-7 Chestor Boughlon Hall 208-7; Worsley 134 Hightown 76.

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GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD

FOOTBALL hack-off 7:30 unless stated FA Carling Premiership

Liverpool v Aston Villa (8 0) Valuated Conference Hedneslord v Leek (7 45) DR MARTIENS LEAGUE: Premier division:
Woroster City v Atherstone Southern
division: Chelmstord v Tonbridge Angels.
Weston-super-Mare v Cinderford.
UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division:
Hyde v Emiley First division: Ashton United
v Worksop.

ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Deg-enham and Recondige v Bromley First division: Bognor Regic v Croydon. AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Continue Antonia (et Vibrishoper)

PONTIN'S LEAGUE: Premier division: Derby v Manchester Und (7.0). First division: Leccetim v Mancheste City (7.0). Second division: Unicoln v Shefheld Und (7.0). Third division: Wigen v Newcastle (7.0). FAYOUTH CLIP. Prekindary round Louis

OTHER SPORT BOXING: British super-featherweight chempionahip (vacani): D Michelle (Glazien) v C Shepherd (Carlsie) in Glasgowi, RACING: Kempron Park (2.0), Lecaster (2.0), Hereford (2.10) SPEEDWAY: Elte League: Poole v Swindon (7.30), Premier League: Glasgow v Oxford (7.30) Northern Trophy: Second

TOMORROW BASKETBALL: European Cup: London Towers y Milan (II) (8 0) ICE HOCKEY: Berson and Hedges Cup: Palsley Pirales v Ayr Scotteh Eagles (7.30) Passey Praises v ay Scotter Eagres (1.30)
RACING: Nortingham (2.15). Plumpton
(2.30), Strationd (2.25)
SPEEDWAY: Elike League: Brachord v
Wolverhampton (7.45)
TENNS: LTA seloite lournament (in
Stratistical Contractions (in Stratistical Contractions)

WEDNESDAY

BASKETBALL: Budwelser Leegue: Leop-ercs v Leicester Riders (7 0) SOWLS: European seam championship (Guernsovi) (Guernsey)
IGE HOCKEY: Benson and Hedges Cup:
Newcastis Cobras v Manchaster Storm
(7 0): Notrogham Penthers v Cardiff Devis
(7 20): Stough Jets v Basinguishe Bison
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INVESTORS IN PEOPLE

Edward Fennell reports on the improvements that companies achieve when their staff are encouraged to become fully involved in their work

Standard bearers who lift productivity

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costs is almost incalculable. Rather than being an asset, a semi-detached employee can become a liability who has an adverse effect on quality, customer care and teamwork. So what is the answer? The

survey. The Cost of Boredoni v. the Value of Motivation, suggests that most staff want to test more involved in their work and more engaged with their employer. Encouraging greater creativity and particiration would yield important improvements. Productivity would increase while the numher of sick days taken, persona: phone calls made and staff leaving prematurely would

In other words, there are

employers who can switch on their workforce to its full potential.

The aim of Investors in People Week, which will be marked by events all around the country, is to get this message across and to alert more employers (as well as employees) to the benefits of the Investors in People Standard as a key way to achieve a highly motivated staff.

Launched five years ago with the backing of a wide cross-section of British industry, the Investors in People Standard is designed as a benchmark of good practice for improving organisations' performance through their



Chapman: thinking small

employees. Organisations aiming to be recognised as having met the required standard must be independently assessed on the clarity of their business objectives, the quality of their internal communicastaff training and

The latest figures show that well over 7,000 employers have now achieved the standard - double the number of organisations which were recognised this time last year Altogether. 30 per cent of the national workforce is now employed by organisations committed to or achieving the

But there is still a long way to go, according to Mary Chapman, the chief executive of Investors in People UK (the organisation which acts as custodian of the standard). We are now focusing par-

more smaller organisations and have recently launched a new toolkit. Building a Better Business, specifically with smaller employers in mind." she says.

The new Government has already shown itself to be a strong supporter of the

Dr Kim Howells, the Minister for Lifelong Learning, has endorsed the move for larger recognised organisations to encourage their suppliers to follow their example.

"It is all part of the changing ethos in business," Ms Chapman says. "There is a move away from a confrontational relationship between supplialready seeing, in the engineering and motor industries. the benefits of partnership between companies in gaining in Investors recognition."

The rise in the number of "recognised" blue-chip companies has been particularly striking. All or part of Unilever. NatWest, Bass Taverns. KPMG and Cadbury Schweppes, for example, now have investors in People

plaques on their walls. Meanwhile, there is a growing interest among banks in using the Investors in People Standard as un ingredient in the way they value and judge

one of co-operation. We are mance. A recent surrey of finance directors illustrated that even the most harc-nose now regards investors in People as an important con tributor to profitability

> however, is that the standard is now being seen as a tool to help businesses to address some of the key chillenges they face. She says: During Investors in People Week you'll see a very broad ange of organisations getting avolved in a vast array of ativities. Investors in People is relevant

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How the people factor can help

Amanda Loose reports on how a business group

won an HP award and improved its organisation

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some things we will have to look at inclore our next assessment, such as the effectiveness of our evaluation of training. We have grown and our needs have changed, and we need to ensure that we are

communicating effectively with our regional offices." When it started the IIP scheme. BIC was keen to devise a system to bring to-

'We asked staff about their aspirations and how we could train them'

> gether the various training schemes that it already ran, Ms O'Rourke says: "We had bits and pieces all over the place, good training such as job shudowing and people on maarses, and degrees we assisted financially. But the problem was that we weren? bringing them all together. Wehave many different contracts.

on the go at the same time.

Labour's secret

election weapon

How modernising a political machine paid off

hall Motors, Barclays and

KPMG in June, Dr Kim

Howells singled out HP for

the contribution it had made

to Labour efforts. And Tony

Blair also made reference to

it a fortnight ago during his

referendum campaign visit

The drive by Mr Sawyer

to modernise the Labour

party administratively con-

plemented the efforts by Peter Mandelson to central-

ise politically. The enormous

effort, for example, that went

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Traditionally, the Labour

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Ton: Say yer with the Prime Minister at the 1996 Labour Party Conference

In the heat of political

to Scotland.

some long and some shortterm, and we needed a training system so that no matter how long someone was with a company, they would be able

The organisation drufted in a secondee from the Nationwide Building Society with experience of the award. Nationwide identified weak areas and reviewed the ap-

praisal system, which was inconsistent in some places and not user-friendly. Ms O'Rourke says:

we were fulfilling all criteria and that people were not doing the same thing. We gave people a personal target, asking what their aspirations were and

how we could train them. "We set a training budget, revised the number of meetings we held and introduced a form so we could obtain continuous feedback. Staff were also given the opportunity to enrol on NVQs, and we held a workshop to let them know what was involved.."

looked. Mr Sawyer insisted

on the need for competence

at all fevels.



Claire Phillips, left, instructs a fellow worker at Lunn Poly in Learnington Spa, where IIP has been a factor in improving productivit

Lunn Poly travelling right

heated up, Lunn Poly thing which would set it apart

been involved in the scheme.

All the rules of good prac-Personnel director Claire tice embodied by the IIP standard were embraced so Phillips had read about Investhat internal communicators In People in the personnel tions improved dramatically, trade press, and had seen that people clearly understood respected names such as their roles and were given the skills to accomplish the Rover. TNT and Jaguar had

Ms Phillips says: "We want-ed something which would give us an edge, as everyone in When it came to the IIP assessment even Mr Blair the travel industry seems so was given a grilling by the assessor. Mike Taylor, who similar. An Investors in People later commented: "It became Award would be an external clear to me that the 'culture endorsement. "I thought that such an change' described in the In-

award would help recruitvesturs in People portfolio flowing from the appointment of Mr Sawyer as ment, appealing to potential candidates, and that it would general secretary was now a clarify staff roles and training reality and that it has produced remarkable changes Lunn Poly committed itself within the Labour Party

organisation." Among other organis-ations inspired by Labour's success is the TUC, which dard, and the CBl.

to the scheme about 18 months ago. Since it has some 6,000 Amanda Loose on how Investors in People provides an extra edge development for their future. There were some glaring holes

staff and 800 holiday shops nationwide, much of the initial work was done from the centre. A steering committee, including Ms Phillips, the managing director, and the customer services manager was set up, along with a working party to establish what the Investors in People criteria were.

Its research made Lunn Poly happy to commit itself to the scheme. Ms Phillips says: "We would not have done it if working towards an Investors in People award had interrupted our daily work practices, but it was a tool to help us to

make changes. You have to be hot on training to survive in the travel industry. Our staff realised this, but they did not necessarily see the training as at head office. The shops all come under the control of one person, so it was easier to coordinate them than to coordinate the 350 staff at head

"There was no cohesion of best practices and applying them across the board. We also found that the evaluation of training was not always thorough - and although we ran many schemes, we were not sure whether they were working." It was a hard task to introduce consistency and to standardise appraisals across the board, but many issues

came to light along the way. "We decided to introduce a training and development plan for each member of staff. from the managing director to

the modern apprentice," says Ms Phillips. Each one sets out Lunn Poly's mission and aims so that we were all going in the right direction. We also have fortnightly communication and development sessions, where we discuss

The pian is a log and also a charter for staff, outlining their roles and what is expected, and emphasising our commitment to training them. The plan includes information on the minimum standards we expect for our shops, and what staff need to know."

Lunn Poly runs focus forums to obtain feedback from staff on training and morale. and also uses questionnaires. A pilot for a scheme to train shop managers to be assessors for NVQs went well, so Lunn

across the company, bit abandoned it after tedbacki showed that it was not working. Two years ago w would not have had that feeback in place, so we would have

carried on," says Ms hillips, We went through blood. sweat and tears for livestors in People on a cople of occasions, so we know it is a high standard," sh says "There is a prestige vaue, and it has put us back on rack to save timewasting and o direct training, putting us of course

for more changes. "Our staff are ou mos important asset, and he com pany is nothing without them We can give them the ools to do the job. We have hid a li per cent growth in bisines

Spektra knows that it reeds to

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People is one of the necha

Software firm plugs in to success

SPEKTRA Systems is based in Silicon Glen, the heart of the Scottish computer industry. It is a small, dynamic software company which il-lustrates why the Scots are so ic health after the parliament Referendum, Edward Fennell

Gordon Stuart, the managing director, was delighted at the outcome of the referendum, believing that it gives a fresh impetus to business in Scotland. But he was also delighted at the contribution the investors in People standard is making to the growth

"As a management buyout. Spektra spun off from a larger company a couple of years ago," says Mr Stuart. "We had many good systems in place. But we were concerned that we shouldn't slacken. So we were interested in investigating external standards which might help us".

Silicon Glen personnel get connected to make sure they stay ahead in the race for future prosperity

Mr Stuart had no real well with our philosophy knowledge of what Investors What we value about Invesin People meant until his local

enterprise company alerted "As soon as I looked at the standard, I thought it was fantastic. Its ethos fitted in

improve future effectiveness.

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available on the Internet. You will find it at

prescriptive.

in the company have university degrees." he adds, "so they expect to keep up their education and to have their

BASIC PRINCIPLES

THE Investors in People standard is based on four principles. An Investor in People.

Takes action to train and develop individuals on recruitment and throughout their

Evaluates the investment in training and development to assess achievement and

Further information on the Investors in People standard and how to achieve it is

Makes a public commitment from the top to develop all employees to achieve its

Regularly reviews the training and development needs of all employees.

tors in People is that it gives us a system by which we can But it is not just about

nurturing skills. It is also about not losing them.

nisms that Gordon Sturt and his colleagues used toretrai and motivate the yours staff

Because of the inherited systems, Spektra was no starting from scrato as moved towards the sundard All that was required was refine existing system.

The most importar change we made was in planning for people training," suys Mr Sturt. "We became much moredetailed and specific about wat each person needed and, terefore. what we wanted from a

training course." Investors in Peopl is honing the cutting dge at Spektra. At a time of great new opportunities, aat is a very reassuring attrible.







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INVESTORS IN PEOPLE



Hair today, here tomorrow: Nigel Lewis discovered that investing in people pays off at the Kudos hairdressing salon in Pontypridd

Where training is cut and dried

A friendly hairdressing salon is one of the smallest companies to receive the IIP award

udos, a hairdressing salon in Wales, was one of the smaller businesses to gain an Investors in People Award, so Nigel Lewisland his ten staff there were fielighted by their success. Amanda Loose writes.

MrlLewis believes that hairdressing is often seen as a job that people take up if they cannot do anything else. But, he says: The training systems we vere trying to install for staffthrough HP were something which they could look at, and see that they could be serious about furthering their careirs. I thought such an ness," he says, "and although Mr Lewis made was in ap- tain tasks as and when they of members of staff."

award would present a professional image to staff and customers alike, and also enable us to recruit more train-

Mr Lewis and his team at Talhot Green in Pontypridd, Mid Glamorgan, decided to try for the award at the end of 1995, and spent some eight months completing the IIP criteria. Although he admits there was a fair amount of paperwork involved for a small company, the staff worked together as a team, which was all good practice.

we had . ral training prorie of our main concerns was to tighten up these systems, particularly our ees, who were hard to find." induction and assessment procedures which were perhaps not structured correctly.

> "We received much support from the advisers Dutton Jones, who came out and gave us an insight into what we needed to do, and the information we needed to collate. They said that I knew where the business was going but needed to feed this information down the system more."

pointing a training co-ordinacame to them. Now, he extor, equipped with a "training champion" qualification, who now oversees Kudos's budget for training and the sort of training required, and assesses the needs of individual staff. Customer care is also vital to the business, so Mr Lewis also employs a client co-ordinator with an NVQ Level

The induction process for trainees was something else Mr Lewis wanted to change. Recruits used to be

3 in customer care.

plains, they have a structured programme supervised by their predecessor in the job. which means that person's memory is refreshed at the same time.

He adds: "Employees feel they are part of a salon which is moving forward, and that the award is a starting point for us. We have recently installed a computer system. which will include a database of customers as well as information about staff, so we can analyse the strengths and

skills and so on.

finishing line for us, but it has set us up to start a major training programme partfunded by the Chamber of Commerce, which will trans-

form the business into a teamworking organisation. It will emphasise problem-solving was really just a matter of

applied common sense." ast week the Govern-

Your people

are your most

valuable asset

Edward Fennell reports on the changing attitudes of today's companies towards treating their employees as partners in ent rprise

> them a number of key aspects of the business.

relationships with senior man-

agement and to "share" with

practice. In introducing the report, the Industry Minister, John Battle, said: "To some ears the focus on 'people issues' may sound idealistic and soft. It isn't, To those who have been through it this is a tough agenda and one which requires very real

ging Change" con-

erence in Westmin-

ster to launch an important

report which underlined the

contribution that Investors in

People is making to improve-

ments in British business,

Competitiveness through

Partnerships with People pro-

vides a tool-kit to help com-

panies understand the impor-

Edward Fennell writes.

the most powerful resource for change, improved performance and competitive advantage is the people already in the organisation. The challenging question is how that resource can released

DTI in developing the report, the findings of the research showed that the Investors in People Standard was now frequently being used as a practical support by successful com-"A number of

Applied common sense it might be, but it also depends upon a positive managerial outlook. This was summed up by the Partnerships with People report as being a the Partnerships with willingness to bring their em-

In particular, the report highlighted the need to share goals, culture, learning, effort and information, in the ab-

Battle: tough agenda

To some, the focus on

people issues may

sound idealistic and

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or its potential fully realised.

specifically singled out by the

report as embodying these

characteristics is Leyland

Trucks. The company emer-

ged from a management buy-out from DAF BV, and had a

history of going from one crisis to another. Now, under

the new managerial regime, it

has achieved recognition as an

investor in People and is

widely applauded for provid-

ing an excellent example of

how the standard should be

applied.

One of the organisations

tance of the "people dimension" to business success and to build on good sence of these, the workforce is

skills of leadership." The theme of Partner-ship with People is that

According to busi-nessman Nigel Crouch, who worked with the

already recognised as Investors in People and had found the standard to be valuable." Mr Crouch said, adding that IIP UK, along with other organisations, was now help-ing to drive forward messages of key significance for the future of British industry.

As one experienced manager commented recently: "At first I was nervous about what the Investor in People Standard would require, but when I looked at it in detail, my apprehensions disappeared. It

The company achieves the lowest cost of any European truckmaker and has become the UK's leading commercial vehicle manufacturer. As its chief executive, John Oliver, commented recently: "In the 080s we invested an enorployees into closer working mous amount in technology

> isational structure and effective communications." By going for these "soft" indicators, however, the company has not gone soft. As Nigel Crouch points out, the

with little result. Now we

emphasise employee commit-

ment, teamwork, slim organ-

companies which successfully implement these changes all have a hard edge to them. The Investors in People Standard is rooted in ensuring that the process of personal development should be focused by the business needs of the organisation. Leyland Trucks achieved this by "building highquality trucks through high-quality people".

In taking forward the messages of Partnerships with People, Nigel Crouch has emphasised the strength of the cooperation which now exists between the DTI, the Department for Education and Employment and investors in People UK. Other active partners include the TUC, CBI, the Institute of Directors and the

TEC National Council. For TECs the report will provide a valuable additional weapon as they aim to switch on a growing number of org-

TECs have been set a target by the Government of getting 70 per cent of all organisations employing 200 or more employees, and 35 per cent of those employing 50 or more, to be recognised as Investors in People by the year 2000.

Although a couple of years ago these were viewed as being tough objectives, the current momentum suggests that they are achievable.

● Copies of Parmership with People are available from DTI. Admail, 528, London SWIW SYT. Tel: 0870 1502 500.

Teamwork gets it taped

J&J CASH, familiar to many mothers who have spent hour sewing name-tapes into their children's school uniforms, won an investors in People award earlier this year Established in 1846, the Coventry-based company. which also makes clothing label for companies such as Maris & Spencer and Next. emphys around 150 staff. of whom have been

"We committed to the Investors in People scheme about two years ago," says John Rutter, the managing diregor. "We felt it offered a very good framework to ensure that we developed and trained our staff properly as our needs changed over the

Trchnology and markets are changing all the time. The emphasis on training in-creases with every new challenge which arises these days, and having the right people with the right skills is more and more important.

We are a very specialist sort of manufacturer and we have to look after our own training. We can't pull in people from the street who are experts in narrow-label

The company wanted to work out a proper training plan formalising existing programmes to introduce new

Amanda Loose looks at a famous weaving company

and its experience of the Investors In People scheme

schemes and to look at the objectives which would then be fed down the organisation. "We worked through our existing training structure with advice from the then Coventry and Warwickshire Training and Enterprise Council, and got input from training videos and other with the company for many companies who had already embarked on Investors in

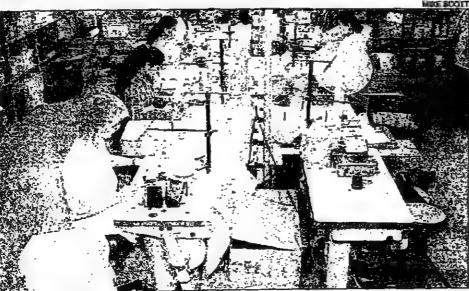
People," says Mr Rutter. Much of it was formalising what we were actually doing, although in a more

structured way, but there was some injection of new ideas." The company formalised the training and development interviews which it has with each member of staff at least once a year. Although some

vous about these formal interviews, training is available in assessment. Although it is early days to see the concrete benefits, Mr Rutter is confident of success.

"There is nothing like building on the skills of loyal employees — and retraining them is a valuable asset," he

Investors in People is not a



Staff at J&J Cash make the name-tapes familiar to thousands of parents

Edward Fennell on how the assessors face their task

THE assessment process is the moment of truth for organisations seeking Investors in People status. To test whether the standard has been reached assessors crawl comprehensively over organisations, interviewing staff at all levels from the most senior executives to the mailroom staff to check the substance of their evidence. Assessors with Investors in People UK are quick to point out, however, that this is no clinical exercise — it is not a driving test. Bill Donnelly, a member of the National Assessment Centre (N/C) team which works with large, national organisasons, emphasises the

Appraisal with a friendly face bear on the organisations he

right for the organisation under scruliny.

He says I regard the assessment as being a process of dialogue in which people have a chance to express their views to the assessor and are stimulated to think more deeply about

their jobs and their skills." Mr Donnelly, like the rest of his NAC colleagues, has enjoyed an extensive career at senior levels in companies need for assessment to have such as Unilever and Alcan. value and benefits in its own

He says: "You need to have a feel for the structural issues facing these companies linked to political sensibilities, and a grasp of the implications for line management."

Extensive feedback is provided to the organisation both orally and in a written report. As well as discussing ther extent to which the standard has been satisfied. the report will provide some

isation's strengths and Mr Donnelly says: "If

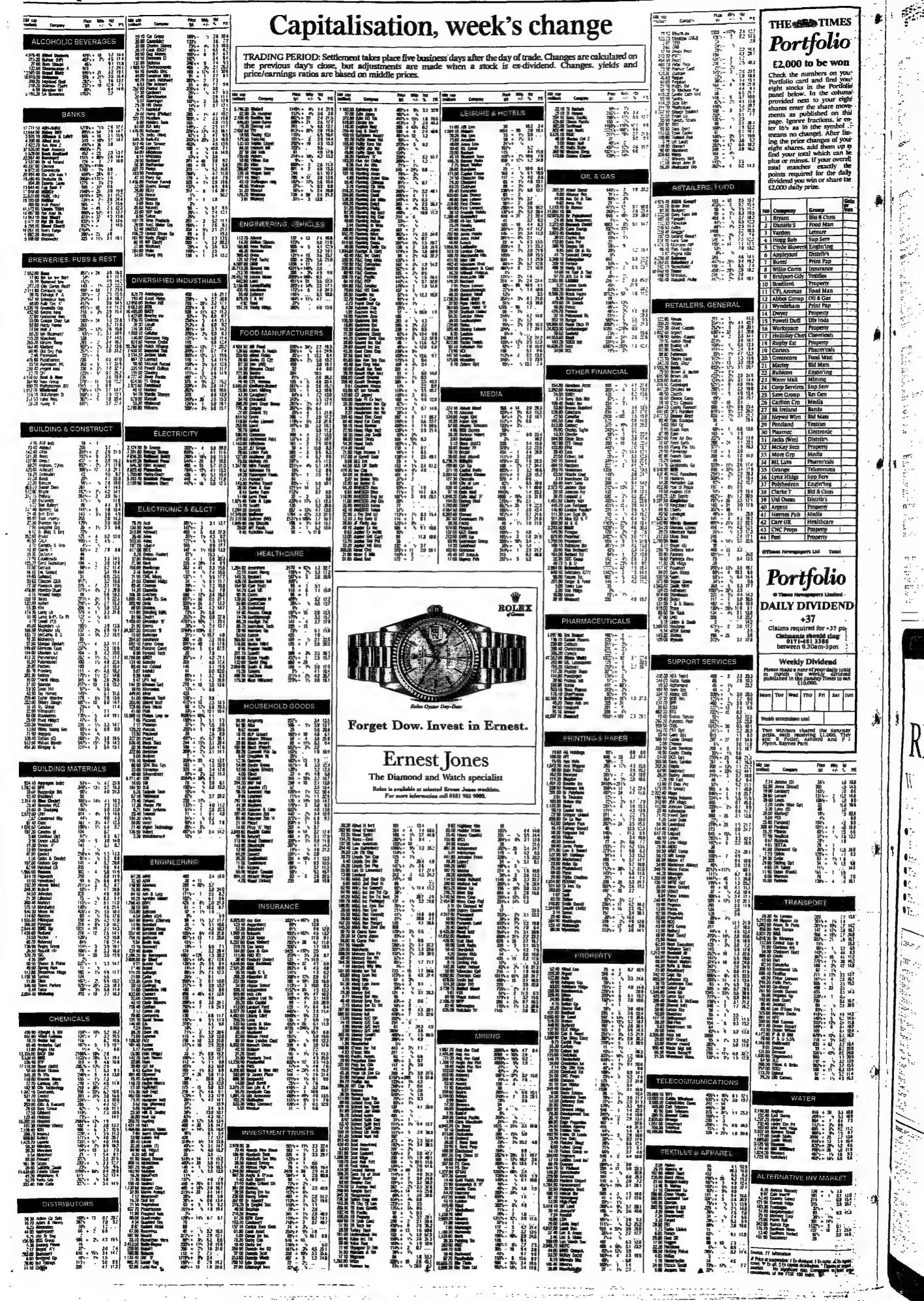
organisations are not recognised at the first assessment, they often find the assessor's report extremely valuable because it tells management things about their organisation that they otherwise might never learn." Investors in People UK is

determined that potential candidates must not be put off by too much bureaucracy. It is giving serious thought to how it might cooperate with other bodies. such as the British Standards Institute, to avoid unnecessary duplication while maintaining HP's dis-



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TODAY

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TOMORROW

Interims: Arcolectric, Britton Group, BSM Group, Guinness, Hodder Headline, Metalrax Group, Proudfoot, Rutland Trust, Secure Trust Group, Simon Group, Tarmac, Van-guard Medica, Wolstenholme Rink, Finals: Freeport Leisure, Headway, PizzaExpress. Eco-nomic statistics: UK final GDP second quarter). UK balance of payments (second quarter). NK balance of payments (second quarter). Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors August house price survey, Bank of England auctions 2001-02 gifts, World Bank and International Monetary Fund angual meetings open in Fund annual meetings open in Hong Kong, Bank of England auctions 2001-02 gilts.

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Aquarius, Brake Bros, Horace Clarkson, Hatpin, Ryan Hotels, Scotta Holdings, Spandex, Springwood, United Carriers Group. Finals: Barratt Developments, Minerva, Regent Inns, Southern Newspapers. Economic statistics; No UK data scheduled for release Wood Rank and Interest. lease, World Bank and Inter-national Monetary Fund annual meetings in Hong Kong, French 1998 budget.

THURSDAY

Interims: Avis Europe, Charles Baynes, EW Fact, Hewden-Stuart, HR Owen, More Group, Oliver Group, Pemberstone, Redland, Sears, Finals: BZW Endowment Fund II, Premium Trust, Renishaw. Economic statistics: UK global trade (July), non-EU trade (August), UK harmonised CPI (August), Bank of England to auction 8 per cent 2021 gifts.

FRIDAY

Interims: Breedon, Clinton Cards, Country Casuals, Elec-trophoretics. Finals: Guardian Media Group, Toad. Economic statistics: British Bankers lending (end-August).



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MICHAEL CLARK

Sterling leaves Guinness flat

GUINNESS: If Guinness has it way, these are likely to be the last interim figures that the drinks and leisure group will report as a separate company. Guinness is pressing ahead with its proposed E24 billion merger with Grand Metropolitan despite fierce opposition from other drinks companies and its associate, LVMH, whose chairman is Bernard Arnault

According to NatWest Securi-ties, the broker, the group is likely to produce a small downturn in pre-tax profits from £357 million to £353 million. Earnings per share will benefit from last year's buyback and show a 5 per cent

improvement to 12.9p.
Despite evidence of an upturn in the underlying spirits business, the strong pound will have made a dent in profits. Spirits, making up almost 70 per cent of operating profits, is likely to have experienced a 2 per cent decline in both sales and profits because of an estimated £24 million dent from currency translation. After stripping out currency factors, underlying growth is of the order of 4 per cent

The brewing side will also be affected by currencies and will show a decline of about 2 per cent. Strip out the currency and the rise is 5 per cent, with the best improvement seen in Britain and the rest of Europe.

Guinness is expected to raise the dividend by 8 per cent to 4.9p.

SEARS: Intense speculation during the past week or two suggests that the troubled retailer is on the verge of breaking up its lossmaking British Shoe Corporation division. A board meeting last week was told that the best way forward would be the disposal of the business piecemeal, rather than selling it in one lump. But the costs of such a disposal will be high and these are likely to be included in half-year figures published on Thursday. Initial estimates suggested a figure of £100 million, but the final figure may be double that.

At the annual meeting in June, the group said that it was finding the going difficult, with like-forlike sales just 2.5 per cent ahead, a slowdown from the 5.3 per cent



Anthony Greener, chairman of Guinness, Bernard Arnault and George Bull, chairman of GrandMet, will have their thoughts firmly fixed on the mixing of the two drinks brands

rise achieved in April. It seems unlikely that Sears will have made any improvement at all in the second quarter. Poor weather and a disruption to trading at Selfridges are likely to see the group plunge into the red with losses of £6.5 million forecast, compared with a profit of almost £17 million last time. Earnings will also be reversed from a surplus last time of 0.8p. The payout will be pegged at 1.05p.

REDLAND: The state of the German market and the impact

of a strong pound will dominate half-year figures on Thursday. Pre-tax profits are expected to come in at £90.5 million, up from £81.5 million. The main thrust of the improvement should come from the group's operations in Germany which last year accounted for 46 per cent of profits. Volumes in the concrete roof tile market are likely to be down, but this will be offset by slightly firmer prices.

Exchange rates will play a crucial role, improved demand for aggregates will be seen in the US, but any benefit will be offset by losses at Monier Tiles. Earnings are likely to be up around a third at 9.1p, but the payout will be pegged at 5.5p.

TARMAC: Interim figures tomorrow should start to reflect the £40 million of cost savings highlighted at the time of the asset swap with Wimpey. Pre-tax profits are set to come in at £34.4 million (£6.7 million), while earnings per share should grow from 0.4p to 2.5p. Brokers will no doubt seek guidance from the contracting market in this country.

There will also be close attention paid to the public services division, which plunged into the red last year with losses of £4.0 million after severe cuts in public

spending.
Evidence of a further improvement in North America will also be required. In the first half of last year the business contributed 11 million to group profits. There has been evidence of increased demand since then. The dividend is likely to be pegged at 3p.

BARRATT: Full-year figures from Barratt Developments. Britain's second-biggest housebuilder, on Wednesday should clear up any lingering doubts about the strength of the revival in the housing market. Pre-tax profits are set to grow by around a third to £67.5 million although earnings growth will be limited to

8 per cent at 19.2p. The group has already announced an increase in house completions of 10 per cent to 7.710 with an average selling price of 582,000, Analysts will want to know how the group has set about replenishing its landbank after the rights issue in March

Meanwhile, Barratt continues to trade successfully on a regional basis with volumes climbing steadily for the fifth successive year. It now operates a total of 21 regional divisions.

The dividend is expected to grow 6 per cent to 8.75p.

BEAZER GROUP: With its exposure to the housing markets in the Midlands, North of England and Scotland, the group's results should illustrate whether other parts of the country are starting to enjoy the same housing revival as the South East.

Full-year figures today should reveal pre-tax profits up from £46.5 million to £58.8 million. with earnings per share growing by about 22 per cent to 14.4p.

There will be interest in how the company has replenished its landbank and at what cost. The dividend should rise 7 per cent to 6.4p.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Trade figures in spotlight

already been set by last week's strong retail sales and employment figures and there is little in this week's releases likely to alter the interest-rate outlook. The main focus will be two sets of trude data which should provide further clues to how the strong pound has affected the economy. While most analysts expect to see the trade picture worsening, the

decline is unlikely to prove too alarming. On Tuesday, the balance of payments figures should indicate a deterioration in Britain's current-account position. MMS International, the economic forecasting group, predicts the current account surplus will fall from £1.5 billion in the first quarter to just £500 million in the second quarter. The second-quarter GDP figures, released at the same time, are not expected to include any revisions to the annual growth rate of 3.4 per cent.

The trade figures have held up surprisingly well in recent months and MMS predicts the whole-world deficit for July will fall from £950 million to £240 million when the data is released on Thursday. But the August non-EU deficit is expected to widen from £65 million to £450 million. in the US, the main focus will be the durable goods data on Thursday, MMS forecasts a fall-off in orders that began in July to continue, with orders showing a decline of 0.5 per cent in August. Weak figures are likely to confirm that the Federal Reserve will not raise rates at its meeting later this month.

West German consumer prices figures are expected to show inflation stabilising in September at 2 per cent, taking some of the pressure off the Bundesbank for a swift rate rise. In France, the focus will be on the budget, which will be discussed by the Cabinet this week. Preliminary signs are that the measures should be sufficient to help France to meet the necessary EMU

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ew recruits to the International Monetary Fund arrive to an inspirational pep talk from Michel Camdessus. the IMFs managing director. Some have described the evangelical tone as M Camdessus outlines their mission, sending them out into the world as high priests of

liberal economics.

The proselytising has been extremely effective. There is not a delegation attending the IMFs annual meeting in Hong Kong that does not talk the language of the free market.

It is a mark of how thoroughly the IMF has spread the gospel that Milton Friedman last week called for the fund to be abolished, its job done. But the fund has no intention of heeding his call. If M Camdessus fulfils his current, considerable ambitions, there will not be an aspect of economic, social or political life in the developing - and even the developed - world that will be untouched by his institution.

One of the projects dearest to the fund's leadership is an effort to entrench the free market model by persuading countries to liberalise their capital accounts - the flow of investment and loans into and out

Clever positioning pays off for IMF

of a country. It has already succeeded in ridding most of the In spite of calls for the fund to be scrapped, it is extending its world of restrictions on trade in sphere of influence. Janet Bush reports from Hong Kong goods, but it now wants move-

ments of capital to be free too.

The fund is working on an amendment to its Articles of Association which it hopes will be ready in draft form for its spring meeting in Washington. It currently only offers guidance on freeing capital accounts, but this latest step would give it formal

The suspicion among develop-ing country delegates is that the fund means to make capital account liberalisation a condition of future lending. For many, this is a frightening prospect, particularly at a time when sensitivities are running high because of the collapse of confidence and catastrophc outflows of investment money from East Asia.

But nobody dares to voice outright opposition to the fund. Inead, Commonwealth Finance Ministers and the Group of 24. tries, are pleading for capital account liberalisation to be phased in gently and include provision to re-

mpose controls in times of crisis.

The IMF is likely to prove deaf to such concerns. Stanley Fischer, first deputy managing director at the IMF, last week emphatically ejected slowing down the liberalisation bandwagon. He said: "No country can afford to cut itself off from the international capital markets. The increasing importance of international capital flows is a fact, which needs to be better reflected in the laws and agreements that help bring order

to the international economy." Alongside the IMF's continuing efforts to promote free markets is what M Camdessus calls the 'second generation" of reforms gree of intervention in the way developing countries are run. In the past, the fund invariably made a series of macroeconomic measures a condition of its lending current account liberalisation, reduction in government deficits. removing price controls and

privatising public companies. Now it is making loans conditional on a whole host of microeconomic reforms, including changes to financial systems. It is even laying down the law on what governments can spend their money on, reducing spending on weapons and soldiers - euphemistically known as unproductive spending" - and retargeting it on educa-tion, health and other social areas.

But the most spectacular new element of the fund's creeping rventionism is its incursion into politics. It wants reform of services, labour markets,

trade and agriculture. It is demanding "good governance" and transparency. And it has launched a battle against corruption. James Wolfensohn, President of the World Bank, acknowledged last week that there is a very fine line between cleaning up corruption and intervening in politics.

e defended the bank's refusal to address civil rights abuses in China on the grounds that the Bank does not get involved in politics, but he threw his full weight behind the IMF's drive against rottenness in government

An example of the IMF as political enforcer came in July this year when it suspended a \$220 million loan package to Kenya on the grounds that the Government had failed to combat corruption. The fallout was considerable. The shilling fell, aid flows from other donors fell and inflation rose as

import prices increased.

Angela Wood, of the Bretton Woods Project, which monitors the role of the IMF and World Bank. said: The benefits of good governance are not in question, but the IMF's competence and suitability as an institution to enforce appropriate conditionality is."

There are grave concerns about the unprecedented expansion of IMF influence, not least from the World Bank. Its expertise and experience in microeconomics is fast being made redundant.

The root of the fund's ability to empire-build is its clever positioning of itself as gatekeeper to all types of finance - with the apparently enthusiastic support of untries like Britain.

Developing countries simply do not have access to the money that they need for economic progress without the say-so of the IMF.

Debt relief is one example of the

eligible even to be considered unless it is in an IMF adjustment programme. Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, may be keen to relieve the debt burden of the world's poorest countries, but he has still willingly ceded control of the initiative to the IMF.

Much more important is the IMFs influence on the international capital markets. As national aid budgets are scaled back, the emphasis is moving decisively towards private capital as a tool for development. And private capital has learnt to look for an IMF seal of approval.

Argentina recently applied for a loan from the IMF, but not because it needed the money. Roque Fernandez, Argentina's Economy Minister, said that he would not be drawing down the loan because he had adequate access to private capital. He still wanted the loan - and swallowed IMF conditions on good governance - in order to win the fund's seal of approval.

So, despite having plenty of money and excellent macroeconomic indicators. Argentina still felt that it had to do the IMF's bidding.

Roger Bootle returns next week

Insurers threaten to scrap cover for millennium bug

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH insurers are threatening to refuse to protect businesses against the losses and damage they suffer because of the inability of their computers

to deal with the year 2000. The insurers have said that any business that neglects to upgrade its computer systems hefore the end of 1999 risks losing its insurance cover against a loss stemming from computer failure. This potenrially involves not just cover against the interruption to business caused by loss of data such as customer records, but also insurance against fire and theft. If computerised security

up to independent companies

East may have to wait weeks

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Transco, the pipeline net-

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able to get gas from their

new supplier until January.

Rivals to British Gas fear

switched from British Gas.

Scotland and the North

systems failed to work because policyholders had neglected to deal with their millennium problem, insurers may refuse pay subsequent claims.

Similarly the ban could also hit individual homeowners with computerised burglar alarms who suffer a break-in if the alarm does not sound because of a computer problem.

The cost of dealing with the millennium problem — which arises because most computers use only two digits to identify dates - has been estimated at billions of pounds.

The Association of British Insurers says its members are

make nonsense of the regu-

lator's decision to impose a

November start for competi-

tion in Scotland and the

North East to secure cheap-

er winter bills.

Gas users face delay

in changing supplier

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

GAS CUSTOMERS signing The companies say this will

not prepared to accept risk caused by negligence on the part of individuals or corporations. The ABI has been working with the Department of Trade and Industry's Taskforce 2000 and corporate risk managers in order to highlight the problem.

Malcolm Tarling, a spokes-man for the ABI, said: The warning we are giving applies to everyone, from large and small offices down to people who work from home. Insurers are not prepared to pick up the bill if businesses do not take steps to reduce their risk. Businesses need to upgrade their computer systems now. since they will not be covered if the risk could be seen but they did nothing about it."

The move follows similar action by US insurers. The issue is much wider than losses caused by faults in computer records. In theory, if a business had not upgraded computerised alarms or water sprinkler systems and these failed on December 31 or January I when a burglary or fire took place, insurance cover might be withdrawn.

The Association of Insur-The number of customers ance Risk Managers in Industry and Commerce said it was able to switch per day has been reduced from 50,000 to pleased that the ABI had given guidance" on such an 35,000. Ofgas said the rate had been cut because "we important matter. The DTI and ABI are to launch an expect more customers to switch and we want to have awareness campaign next a figure that is sustainable". month via trade bodies and small business associations.



Nick Turner of Mercury Asset Management, left, with Richard Thompson of New World Payphones, bought by Mercury from Phildrew Ventures in a £50 million deal. New World has £12 million of revenues from phones in hotels, airports and hospitals

Surge in borrowing predicted

By Alasdair Murray, economics correspondent

RETAILERS are set to enjoy a humner Christmas after a sharp rise in consumer borrowing confidence.

The Hamilton Direct Bank consumer confidence survey, to be published this week, forecasts that total unsecured borrowing, such as personal loans, will double during the last four months of the year. The survey, which also finds

that the 1 per cent hike in interest rates has not dented confidence, is likely to heighten pressure for further rate rises after strong economic data in the past few weeks.

A separate survey published at the weekend found the fall in unemployment is resulting in a serious skills shortage, raising fears that wage inflation could accelerate.

The Hamilton Bank survey found consumer borrowing confidence has risen by two percentage points since the election to its highest since the series began last year. The proportion of households reporting no outstanding debt has fallen from 23 per cent to ló ner cent while the average outstanding debt has risen 10

per cent to £2,200.

Women OAPs more likely to live in poverty

By CAROLINE MERRELL

A LARGE number of women face impoverishment in retirement, according to a survey from the TUC. They are poor because of their working pat-terns and because of the national insurance system.

The TUC found that women pensioners were on average £780 a year worse off than their male counterparts. Of all pensioners in the poorest 20 per cent of the population, 50 per cent are women. Single female pensioners are likely to be the poorest of all.

Women over 60 have a gross income of \$138 a week before tax and housing. After these deductions, women have only £69.90 on which to live.

This week, the TUC is attempting to raise awareness of the plight of female pensioners with a freephone helpline. It will offer free and impartial advice to women for five days on such issues as pension rights and part-time working. divorce and maternity leave.

John Monks, General Secretary of the TUC, said: Women historically have missed out on pensions and this is due in part to patterns of employment as well as discrimination in occupation-

al schemes." The survey also found that only one woman in four is a member of an occupational scheme, and more than three million people do not receive the full state pension. The poorest female pensioners were those in Wales - they earned only £118 a week. The richest women pensioners were those in the Greater

London area, who had an income of about £181 a week. Women tend not to qualify for full state pension benefits, because they have not paid national insurance contributions. To pay contributions, workers must earn more than the lower earnings limit of £62 earn less than this.

IPPR calls for Scottish water co-ops

CO-OPERATIVES should take over the running of Scotland's water industry from the present regional quangos, a think-tank will argue today (Christine Buckley writes).

Gerald Holtham, director of the Institute for Public Policy Research, will tell a debate on the future for Scottish water that mutualisation is the best option.

He will say: "It is unusube better for consumers, better for companies and better for the Government. But in the case of Scottish water there is such a

solution — mutualisation. Donald Dewer, the Scottish Secretary, is reviewing Scotland's water industry. Labour's election manifesto pledged to return it to

Keep our opinions to yourself.

It's all very well to say share and share alike, but in all honesty wouldn't you prefer to enjoy at leisure your own copy of the Times Educational Supplement? The FE Focus section, in particular, really does deserve much more than a rushed flick through in the staffroom. So for opinions worth taking the time to listen to, buy your own copy, take it home and keep it to yourself. ME FOCUS

THE TIMES EDUCATIONAL SUPPLEMENT

Sets brokers score ahead of opening

A RISE in interest rates. combined with a massive hike in oil taxation and the reimposition of sanctions on Iraq. kept London brokers busy on Saturday as the Stock Exchange carried out another rehearsal of its new electronic dealing system with a host of fictional scenarios (Adam Jones writes).

The new system, dubbed Sets, starts on October 20. Out of 76 firms having their Saturday's trial, ten failed, an improvement on the previous Saturday, when a quarter missed the mark. A Stock Exchange spokesman said none of the firms had failed a

Even though all member firms were not participating, 34,000 trades were made, not far short of the real London average of about 40,000 trades in UK stocks each day.

Directors urge retreat from scrutiny

COMPANY directors will today urge the Stock Exchange's inquiry on how firms are run to rewrite previous reviews of corporate governance to draw them away from setting codes and instead make them more flexible (Philip Bassett writes). The move by the Institute of

Directors is an attempt to check the growing scrutiny they have been subjected to. In its preliminary report in July, the committee headed by Sir Ronald Hampel, ICI chairman, strongly urged a move away from the "box-ticking" approach of the Cadbury and

Greenbury inquiries.
The IoD says: The committee should remove any unnecessary prescription from previous reports" and welcomes the Hampel committee's explicit aim to "rebalance" the debate on corporate governance back to-wards business prosperity.

WORD-WATCHING

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PERITE (b) Experienced, expert, skilful, skilled. From the Latin peritus experienced, "Friends who are in the habit of exercising a profuse rather than a perite bospitality."

NEMERTINE
(b) Belonging to the class of flatworms (chiefly marine) known as
Nemertina, Nemertida or Nemertea, usually characterised by an NEMERTINE elongated, very contractile body, and often brilliantly col-Named for Nemeries a Greek sea-symph. "The Nemerines are, as a rule, clongate, often even ribbon-like, animals of considerable size."

(c) To come down or fall with a flat impact, and with the sound that this makes. Onomatopocic and portmantesu, made from the beginning of plash and from the end of flap or slap. "Constantinople beauties waddling and plapping in their odious yellow papooshes."

(c) Characterised by the imposition of servitude as a penalty on a defaulting debtor. From Roman Law. In Latin news or neum means a bond or obligation. "It is probable that in early times plebeian law recognised no debt except that created by the next

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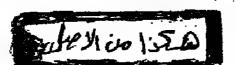
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* Roadshow will help to fix minimum wage

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Low Pay Commission will today approve a groundbreaking move to promote Labour's plan for a statutory minimum wage.

The commission, set up by the Government to recommend the level for a national minimum wage, is to embark on a minimum pay "road-show" — a series of regional visits to explain to companies, organisations and the public what the minimum wage will mean. The exercise will also be

THE boardroom tension at

Care First, the quoted nurs-

ing home operator, looks set

to continue with a renewed

attempt to unseat Keith

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Commission members and officials plan to visit Leeds. Manchester, Belfast, Glas-

gow, Newcastle, Cardiff, the Midlands and the South West. As well as explaining Labour's plans to local firms, the commission will ask business organisations, low pay groups, community bodies and employees for their views about the right level for the new minimum. The commis-

Care First chairman to face

renewed pressure to resign

brought the boardroom rifts

Wednesday, Mr Bradshaw

agreed to take on a non-ex-

ecutive role in the face of

earlier calls for Dr Patel's re-

instatement. He is contin-

uing to act as chief executive

until a new one is found. But

shareholders are unhappy

about the way their opinions

Care First denied a report that three senior managers

ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT MARKET

At a board meeting last

into the open.

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sion also plans opinion polls ing them to submit evidence and to set up local focus groups to test the plan.

Today's meeting will consider a detailed and extensive document setting out the main economic arguments for and against a minimum wage, and its level, which has been drawn up by Whitehall officials after an review of the available economic literature.

The commission has now contacted some 350 organisations and individuals, ask-

were poised to leave. It said

the shareholders vociferous-

ly opposed to Mr Bradshaw

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mise represented just 15 per

cent of issued share capital.

This is disputed by the

The power struggle at

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on the level at which a minimum should be set. The commission is calling for replies by early next month.

A letter to organisations says: "We are not expecting you to recommend a specific national minimum wage, but would be interested in your assessment of the impact of different national minimum

wage levels".
The CBI and the TUC will give oral evidence to the

The commission will make its decision on the level to recommend to ministers in the late spring.

Pressure on the commission will be stepped up this week with publication of the 1997 New Earnings Survey, a gov-ernment snapshot of pay levels which is used by trade unions and pay lobby groups to fix the annual target for a minimum wage of half male median earnings.
Publication of the survey on

Thursday by the Office for National Statistics will raise the union target level for a national minimum from the current £4.42 an hour to an expected level of about £4.60, although most Labour and union leaders acknowledge privately that the likely level will be considerably less than this.

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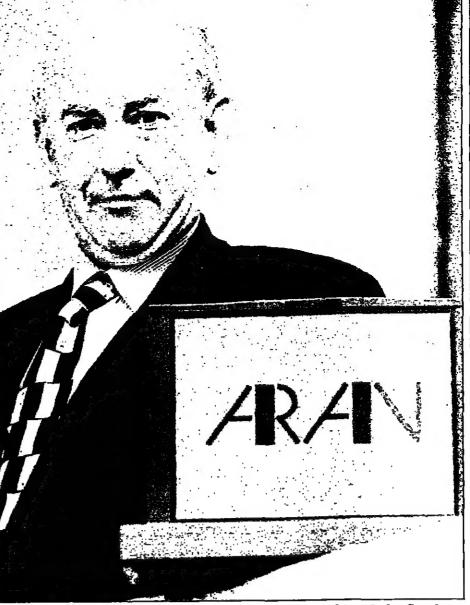
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Adrian Batten's shareholding will drop to about 14 per cent from 28 after flotation

Aran seeks £5m to develop

By PAUL DURMAN

ARAN SOFTWARE is hoping claims its latest range of to raise £5 million to develop its business by floating on the Alternative Investment

Aran, which is 55 per cent owned by Friends Provident, produces software development tools and management computer using any database

development tools, Sea-Change New Horizon, are the most flexible available. Adrian Batten, whose 28 per cent stake will fall to about 14 per cent after the flotation, said: "Any applications written in this environment will run any

under any operating system which is a tremendous advantage."

Aran, which hopes to be valued at about £15 million, made a £400,000 loss on sales of £2.6 million in the year to March, but is forecasting an £18,000 profit on sales of £4.2 million this year.

BRITISH FUNDS

Tesco set to deliver in London

Tesco is stealing a lead in the battle to establish supermarket home-shopping with the roll-out of its experimental service throughout the Greater London area.

Customers can order products by phone, fax or the Internet for a E5 delivery charge. The group aims to take the scheme national.

Iceland is launching a trial telephone order ser-vice in Edinburgh, expanding to northeast England next month.

Stress placing

NM Rothschild is arranging a £10 million private placing of shares in Ultramind, a UK/Israeli company which makes computer packages de-signed to help people overcome stress using fingertip sensors. Boots is to start selling the software for between £45 and £99.

MBA link

Arthur Andersen, the acc ountant, has linked with Manchester and Warwick Business Schools to offer part-time MBAs to managers and partners. About 10 per cent of Andersen's UK workforce has applied.

Lloyd's move

Aberdeen Nomina has attracted 145 names representing £62 million and Stace Barr Angerstein 90 names representing £33 million in two schemes which will allow Lloyd's names to convert from unlimited to limited liability.

Dunlop cash

CinVen has invested £3 million to provide additional working capital to Dunlop Slazenger, the sports goods firm bought out from BTR.

Block remains on debt relief

GERMANY continued to block British efforts to move ahead on debt relief for the world's poorest countries at a series of weekend meetings.

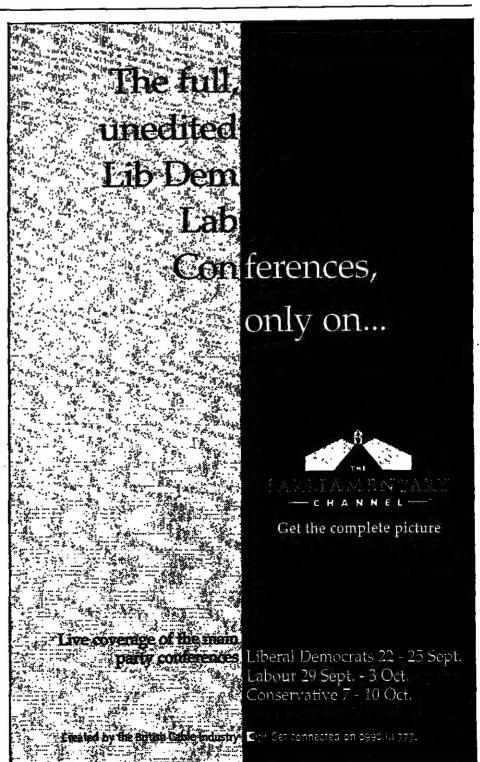
German officials continue to have fundamental concerns country initiative which Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, has been pushing hard in both the Group of Seven and the International Monetary Fund. British debt relief cam-

paigners pointed the finger at Japan and America too for blocking the initiative. Ann Pettifor, of the Jubilee 2000 group, estimated that 21 million children would die by the millennium if the initiative were not speeded up.

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The privatisation that dare not speak its name

Michel Bon should be able to make France Telécom more dynamic after its partial sale by the French Government, but the state will keep control

ix months ago. Lionel Juspin said that he was opposed to privatisations, and against European monetary union if it

meant more austerity.
"His view has not changed," an aide to the French Prime Minister said last week, "But he has discovered reality and it is not exactly what he foresaw."

The aide is right. M Jospin remains wedded to the socialist principles that he espoused before coming to power in June. Yet he has grudgingly accepted that without a minimum of reforms, France will miss out on Europe's single currency, burden its industry and fail to reduce its chronic unemployment, which stands above three million.

The markets are unenthusiastic about M Jospin and sceptical about France's longterm prospects. However, they are relieved that the left-wing Cabiner which includes Communist and Green ministers, has abandoned at least some

Today, for example, Dominique Strauss-Kahn, the Finance Minister, will launch the sale of a minority stake in France Télécom, the state telecommunications group. On

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The French Government finds selling state firms a bit of a wrench, and analysts reckon Lionel Jospin is failing France's long-term needs, says Adam Sage

Wednesday, the Government will produce a tax-raising budget that should smooth France's path to the euro. And later this month, it will start a process that will result in the transfer of Thomson-CSF, the defence electronics group, to the private sector.

One analyst in Paris said: "There is a gap of about 15 per cent between French equities and other equities, which can be explained by apprehension over government policy. However, it's not going as badly as

The France Télécom sale mustrated the point, she said. Whereas other European nations are privatising telecommunications, ready for liberalisation next year. M Jospin is determined to keep control of the French group. He will float 20 per cent of the shares on the stock market, and sell another 3 to 4 per cent to Télécom's 150,000 employees and 7.5 per cent to Deutsche Telekom.

After a share issue, the French state will be left with about 63 per cent of Télécom.

The move should raise about Fr40 billion (£4 billion). The money will be used to prop up alling nationalised concerns as GAN, the insurance group, and Thomson's consumer electronics subsidiary. Thomson Multi-media, both of which need an urgent Fr11 billion cash injection. "This policy is exasperating."

said Andrew Clearfield, manager of TIAA-CREF, the US pension fund. "The Government is prepared to float companies on the stock market to raise money, but does not want to hand power to shareholders." Other analysts, however,

are more phlegmatic, arguing that M Jospin has done just enough to allow France Telecom to compete with its rivals. including Cegetel, a subsid-lary of Générale des Eaux that is allied to BT. "International investors will back the sale. but they are prudent," said a trader in Paris.

France Télécom is reasonably well placed. Its chairman, Michel Bon, was able to report half-yearly profits of Fr8.9 billion this month, the firm controls the French domestic market and it enjoys a decent enough reputation. The sale should pave the way for an alliance with Deutsche Telekom and enable M Bon to pursue his aim of making his company more dynamic.

said that M Jospin, ment opposition when the previous centre-right administration announced the partial privatisation of Télécom last year, had "realised the firm was a sitting duck without reform".

When the Thomson-CSF file arrives on his gold-leafed desk this month, M Jospin is likely to reach a similar conclusion. One of his first moves after forming his Socialist-led Government was to end the privatisation procedure begun by his predecessor, Alain Juppé, who wanted to hand control of the defence electronics concern to Alcatel Alsthom or Lagadère. Yet M Strauss-Kahn convinced M Jospin that unless the company were sold, it would be left behind as the rest

dustry, including GEC and British Aerospace, forged ahead with restructuring. The result is likely to be a privarisation that dare not speak its name. Alcatel and Lagadere, perhaps with other French defence groups, will be given shares in Thomson-CSF in return for providing money or assets. The Government, which now owns 58 per cent of the company, will become a minority shareholder, although it will

of the European defence in-

retain a "decisive stake", according to M Strauss-Kahn. At no time have he or M Jospin used the word "privatisation" when discussing the deal, and nor are they likely to. They are being pragmatic, given the political constraints

national economist with Smith Barney in Paris. "But, so far, he has managed to keep everyone more or less happy.

they have to deal with," said

Dennis Branche, a financial

analyst with Credit Lyonnaise

Securities in Paris. "But I'm

afraid that nothing good will come of this. Who is going to

control Thomson-CSF? Where

is decision-making going to take place? If these questions

are not resolved from the be-

ginning, the future of the com-

The same doubts hang over

Air France after the resigna-

tion of its flamboyant chair-

man, Christian Blanc. In the

four years he was in charge of

the state-owned airline, he had

transformed it from a strike

ridden, loss-making concern

with accumulated debts of

Fr35 billion into a profitable

The next step was privatisa-

tion, he believed, pointing out

that the European Commis-

sion had authorised a Fr20

billion subsidy for the group

Communist allies, the Prime

Minister refused to shed more

than 49 per cent of Air France,

precipitating M Blanc's theat-

rical departure earlier this

month. The former chairman

of Air France's domestic sub-

sidiary, Air Inter, has now

been appointed to succeed M

This was all part of a general deal with the Commu-

nists, who got Air France in re-

turn for keeping quiet on other issues," said James Cornish of

NatWest Markets. "For the

Many traders share this

view, comparing the French

Prime Minister with his Brit-

ish counterpart. They say that

if Tony Blair can claim to be

preparing Britain for the 21st

century, M Jospin is doing no

more than muddle through

"A lot of stuff that the French

the end of the 20th century."

Government has pushed

through is a step backwards,"

said Steven Englander, inter-

markets, it's a reasonable deal.

but not a brilliant one."

Yet under pressure from his

on condition it was sold off.

company.

pany will not be guaranteed."

He said that by agreeing to limited privatisations, M Jospin had achieved a difficult balance between the conflicting demands of the Communist Party and of the markets. And, with economic growth likely to reach 3 per cent next year, he may even be able to point to a fall in France's seemingly incurable unemployment total.

M Jospin should also be able to claim credit for French participation in a European single currency. By abandoning his more expensive election pledges and raising corporation and capital gains tax, and with the help of an unexpectedly high growth rate this year, the Prime Minister has been able to guide the French public deficit towards the 3 per cent ceiling imposed on those countries wanting to

n his budget on Wednesday, M Strauss-Kahn is likely to maintain public expenditure in line with inflation, to raise taxes, notably on income from savings, and to reduce welfare payments to middle-income families. In so doing, he will be able to announce that France is set to hit the Maastricht target next year, ensuring that it will be among the first wave of countries to adopt the euro.

"There may be a lot of political excitement along the way, but there is a high probability that the single currency will start on time and that France will participate," said Mr Englander. "The fact that EMU looks more like a reality will, itself, boost confidence in France."

However, Mr Englander believes that M Jospin is failing to prepare his country for the long term. "What happens when the next economic slowdown comes?" he cavs. "That's when being nimble is really important, and that's when French companies could be caught out again." In other words, the French

Prime Minister needs a fur-

ther dose of reality.

Dominique Strauss-Kahn feared for Thomson-CSF

A war-winning rifle

BBC2, 8.00pm

For one who doesn't know a pistol from a peashooter this historical series has been a revelation. Nothing gung-ho about it, unless you count the rousing reconstructions of old battles — more palatable in paint than in grizzly photographs and newsreels. Lock, Stock and Barrel is the story of the Springfield rifle... Cue the Bantle of Gettysburg in 1863, rurning point of the American Civil War. It was indeed decisive—the Springfield won the Union Army its great victory and "changed the face of war for ever" by replacing the flintlock smooth-bore musket with a revelation. Nothing gung-ho about it, unless you replacing the flintlock smooth-bore musket with a long spiral groove which twisted the new spherical bullet for far greater speed and accuracy. Says one military boffin: "You pointed a smooth-bore but you aimed a rifle."

Wing and A Prayer Channel 5, 10,000m

Think This Life, LA Law and most recently The Practice and you've got a fair idea of what makes this latest series rick. The channel may call it "the first original British drama to lift the lid on the legal profession" and it is written by a former barrister (Matthew Hall) but this first of six episodes looks all too familiar. It's predictably slick, sexy and fast moving but the two or three cases it covers per episode are clearly defined by the courtroom scenes which link the background dramas. Kate Buffery stars as Amanda Dankworth "the feisuest advocate in the north west" and tonight the five chirpy barristers of Salthouse Chambers find themselves coping with a sinister gang of black drug dealers, an alleged paedophile, and a deranged doctor who keeps threatening to kill himself (although one is never quite sure why). Promising.

Equinox Fighting the G-Force Channel 4, 9,000m

We've been this way before but never so vividly. Fighting the G-Force details, with norrendous film of top gun fighter pilots trying to stay conscious at up to nine G (nine times the force of gravity), just how far along the road science has come to keep

these men (and in the US since 1993, women) in the

cockpit. They now wear amazing inflatable suits which squeeze upper body muscles to keep the blood flowing to the brain. They do fierce anaerobic exercises and — sensibly you would think — in Germany they are screened for their resistance to Cr-force the moment they apply for the Luftwaffe. But, from the pilots' point of view there is a downside. Research is looking at computerised fighter planes without a pilot in sight.

Picture This: Life on Air

BBC2.9.30pm

Peter Dougherty is "Senior VP Creative on Air" and as such has more than 700 rather earnest. trying to look cool, young people working for him.
In ordinary parlance this crist no-nonsense New
Yorker is Creative Director of MTV Europe and for non-satellite viewers that's the immensely successful music station which screens such nuggets as Xccelerator and Live'n Loud. But film-maker/reporter/performance artist Annie Griffin maker/reporter/performance artist Annie Griffin is not so much interested in the music than as how Mr D and his team choose the talent and encourage the film-makers who supply the sometimes startling animation between the music sequences. "This imaging between the music is where young animators get their breaks", he says. According to Rachel Purnell, MTV's Senior VP for Production and Programming "this kind of broadcasting is the future". Griffin's film shows how she just might be right. Elizabeth Cowley

If there was such a thing as a preview tape of Start the Week, the programme would not be what it is. Presenter Melvyn Bragg is apt to be prickly when people make snide remarks about the number of plugs on the programme, but we only do this to put Bragg in a bad mood. In truth Start The Week is great listening, especially so this morning for the main guest is Norman Mailer, who was flying over from New York last night. In a truly civilised society, tickets for Bragg versus Mailer would be sold out while Oasis played in half-empty pubs. The subject is Mailer's "autobiography" of Jesus. The Gospel According to The Son. Mailer is also inteviewed by Richard Coles for Night Waves

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RADIO 5 LIVE

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TALK RADIO

6.30mm Paul Ross and Carol McGiffen with the Breaklast Show 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorgane Kelly 2.00pm Torrmy Boyd 4.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Anna Raeburn 9.00 James Whale 1.00mm Ian Collins

Football Legends

Radio 5 Live. 7.30pm

This is not the kind of programme that normally appeals to me because there is so little left to say about most of the people who feature in it. But this series, of which this is the second programme, is painstaking enough in its research and diligent enough in its questioning to become an exception to the rule. Geoff Hurst is the subject tonight, and the rule of the property in the subject to might, producing a rather near piece of justapositioning: Jimmy Greaves featured last week, and it was Greaves who was dropped to make way for Hurst in England's 1966 World Cup winning team. Hurst was and is a self-effacing man whose hat-trick against the then West Germany gave him the status of a legend. He wears that status with a modesty others could learn from. Peter Barnard

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WORLD SERVICE

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CLASSIC FM

6.00am Alan Mann 9.00 Henry Neity Includes Hall of Fame Hour 1.00pm Listener Requeel Hour with Jane Jones 2.00 Concerto Viotii (Viotin Concerto No 1 in C) 3.00 Jame Crick 7.00 Newsnight 7.30 Sonata Dussek (Harp Sonata) 8.00 Evering Concert Greg (in Autumn Overture); Haydin (The Seasons — Autumn); Charminade (Autumn); Reopoghi (Autumn Poem). Verdi (The Four Seasons) 10.00 Jane Markham 2.00am Concerto (r) 3.00 Mark Griffiths

VIRGIN RADIO

7,00am Russ and Jono's Breakfast Experience 10,00 Graham Dene 1,00pm Jeremy Clark 4,00 Nicky Home 7,00 Nick Abbot 10,00 Mark Forrest 2,00am Richard Porter

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor Includes
Mozart (Flute and Harp-Concerto in C); Bach
(Partita No 1 in B Ital), Saint-Saèns (Introduction
and Rondo Capnecioso), Chopin (Scherzo in E,
Op 54), Gournod (Ave Maria); Prokofiev (Romeo

Op 54). Gournod (Ave Maria): Provotiev (normed and Juliet, excerpts)

9.00 Morning Collection, with Penny Gore, Includes Gneg (Lynt: Pieces); Brahms (Serenade No 1 in D)

10.00 Musical Encounters, with Nicola Heywood Thomas Includes Walton (Portsmouth Point); Mozart (Mi Tradi Quell'alma Ingrata); Mendelssohn (Sung Symphony No 4 in C mirror); Saillren (Four Dream Songs); Tchaikowsky (Symphony No 6 in B minor, Pathetique). Klami (Regtime and Blues)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Iddebrando Pizzatti

1.00pm News; From St John's. A concert given last year from Smith Square in London by Michala

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2.00 The BBC Orchestras. BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis: With Heinrich Schift, cello. Berloz (Overture Beabrice and Banedict); Maw (Variations for Orchestra); Dvořák (Cello Concerto in B mlnor): Brahms (Symphony No 4 in E minor)

4.00 tituste Netbers, with Ivan Hewett. This week, a new book about Ovaghilev; the San Francisco Opera House re-opens, music meking in Menchester, the Diva as an Icon (r)

4.45 Music Machine. Tommy Pearson and Verity Sharp try their hand at recording and producing a CD called Hypothetically Speaking Plus the jac-band called the Sloane Square Syncopators explain the art of performing in a studio 5.00 in Tune, with Sean Rafferly, Includes the classic Top Ten in Sydney and an interview with the conductor Sir Charles Mackeras as he prepares

for the opening of Mozan's La Clemenza di Tito
with the Weish National Opera
7.30 Performance on 3. lidebando Pizzetti s opera
Debore e Jaele, based on the Old Testament story
of the war between the Israelites and their
oppressors, the Canaanites, With Carol Sparrow, mezzo, tzabela Klosinska, soprano, Daniel Galvez-Vallejo, tenor, Leipog Opera Chorus, Netherlands Radio Chor and Symphony Orchestra under Cabriel Champa

10.00 Postscript. Ron Berglas reads from stories by William Faulkner set in a mythical Mississippi

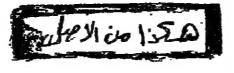
William Faulkner set in a mythical Mississippi county (1/5)
10.20 Britten. Steven Doorie and Barry Sryder, piano. Britten (Cello Sonata)
10.45 Iconoclassics. Peter Nelson explores the world of computer music with the composer Trevor Wishart, including music by voice-synthesis pioneer Charles Dodge, Paul Lansky, Jonathan Harvey, Jean-Claude Risset and Wishart's Vox5
11.30 Composer of the Week: Music Clementi (f)
12.30am Jazz, Notes. Diploy Fainweather celebrates Wyrlon Marsalls's career as a composer
1,00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod.

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6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30
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Glover reads Richard Kennedy's memoirs based
on the diary he kept when, as a cellow 16-yearold, he staried working for Leonard and Virginia
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10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jerral Murray
11.30 Money Box Live, with Vincent Duggleby
12.00 News, You and Yours, with Mark Whittater
12.25pm Round Britain Cutz. Northern Ireland's Wales
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1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke at the Liberal 1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke at the Liberal Democrats' conference and James Cox in London 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 News; Broad Canvesses, by Nigel Beldwin Sue Johnston star as a journalist investigating the mysterious death of a student. With Martin Troakes and Hugh Dickson (r) 3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Leurie Taylor with guests, topical discussion and lively tealures 4.00 News 4.05 Kateldoscope. Lyme Walker talks to the poet Simon Armitage as a new selection of his poems is published, and sees a new production of An Enemy of the People at the National Theatre directed by Trevor Numn.

4.45 Short Story: Labels, by Louis de Bernières Read by kerry Shale. An obsessive collector of cat food labels triumphs over his affection
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 Sh O'Clock News 8.30 News Qutz [r]
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Points of Reference. A look at the main points of the compass and what they mean to us. Written and presented by Simon Armitage. (2/4) [r]
7.45 The Monday Play: The Last Bus Home, by Gill Adams. Six school children decide to take action after the the murder of their mend (r)
9.15 No Mari Is an Island. Fengal Keane visits wartom Flwanda (2/4) [r]
9.30 Kateldoscope (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Beditime: Lobering with Intent. Muriel Spark's come novel, abridged by Neville Teller and read by Anna Massey (1/10)
11.00 Being American. Simon Parkes meets public-spirited volunteers whose efforts make up eight percent of the GNP (2/4) (r)
11.30 Bertie and the Crime of Passion, by Peter Lovesey Dramatised by Geotfrey M. Matthews. Bertie the Prince of Wales is bevilldered by the lack of a molive for the Moutin Rouge murder With Robert Lang and Jane Lapolaire (3/4) (r)
12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book Light in August. Ed Bishop reads the first part of Witham Faulkner's novel set in In his native Mississippi (1/12) (r)

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One thematic way to mark an anniversary

ichael Jackson, now of Channel 4 but lately of BBC2 is, all other fine points aside, a television obsessive. He knows things about television. anorakish things about those 1970s series which are so completely forgotten by the rest of us that they don't even show up on UK Gold masquerading as Classic British Comedy. Who else but a true television train-spotter would have started the tradition of regularly turning his channel over to the sort of theme evenings that people miss the semi-finals of pub quiz leagues to stay home and watch?

On Saturday BBC2 had, as far as I know, the first theme evening since Jackson left, and from 9pm to some time after I went to bed at midnight it was Radio I Night celebrating exactly 30 years of the BBC Light Programme being revamped in a desperate attempt to sink pirate radio. Or, more accurately, 29 years 50 weeks and five

days, given that the real anniversa-ry isn't until the end of the month. It may well be that this was something that Jackson got going before he left, but I doubt it. Rather it had the flaccid smack of corporate planning about it - a thirdfloor memo from somebody in Radio Scheduling to his opposite number in Television Scheming. asking if there was a window in his early autumn calendar in which to do the right thing by the struggling radio station.

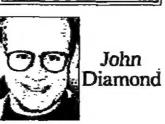
Take, for instance, One-Hit Wonders, which was what purported to be a celebration of acts which got into the Top Ten once and were never heard of again but which was, for the most part, a celebration of slick session musicians with an eye for a fast buck. It was a good idea. Everyone likes a where-are-they-now slot, and everyone likes to be reminded of the musical dross they actually spent money on in 1975. I didn't

that I could still remember all the words to Tell Laura I Love Her, Spirit in The Sky, Grandad and even to Love Grows Open Brackets Where My Rosemary Goes Close Brackets.

The trouble was that this

wasn't a where-are-theynow show but a where-werethey-then one, with tubby gents in neatly pressed slacks recalling how they walked into a recording studio for the first - and last time. And although it turns out that Arthur Brown - as in The Crazy World Of - ended up as a painter and decorator, I wanted to know how come the man who sang on both Gimme Dat Ting and Love Grows Open Brackets can afford such a sprauncey estate in which to be interviewed, and whether Renato of Renèe and Renato, the Italian former waiter who warbled Save Your Love in

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1982, is back twisting the giant peppermill again.
The big event of the night, though, was The Radio I Story, a "rocumentary" as the BBC press office had it, in the unironic voice of Smashy and Nicey. This was full of laid-back portentousness — "Pop music had already been to the party of parties and was recovering from the hangover of the Summer of Love" - voiceovered by David Essex, and anec-dotes told by the Grecian 2000 set about their younger selves.

In truth most of the best stories were told by John Peel and his sometime producer John Walters who, had it been left to me, would have been given the hour to themselves. Tony Blackburn is famously and mesmerically awful. but I can only take so much of a man saying of 1967 1 look back on it now and it seems like a dream world", when it's obviously the case that last Thursday seems pretty much like a dream world to him. too.

Tellingly, it was only John Peel who appeared with an unfinished dateline on his on-screen caption: he was John Peel (DJ 1967 -) while everyone else from the original line-up is now on Radio 2 or, worse, in local radio. And more tellingly still it turns out that the music revolutions of the 1970s weren't the result of creative

because of a woman who at the time looked like one of the Bond baddies and who ran the Radio One Playlist committee, explaining that Jimi Hendrix was probably "too strident" for the Jimmy

Young Prog.
Once the Blackburns and the Edmonds had left the station and been replaced by a procession of identically jocular men whose names escape me for the moment. The Radio One Story lost its edge.

t one point Matthew Bannister, the current controller, managed to describe his relationship with Chris Evans as "creative" and sound as if the word had four sets of quotation marks around it, but generally the rocumentary missed the main point, which was that Radio ! was never cool, never cutting edge. never really very near where it was at. With a few exceptions, Radio 1

endeavour or public demand but always has been the BBC turning up at the student party and asking who's for the fruit punch and the hordogs, then,

The whole of the evening was interspersed with Simon Bates still an awesome voice - doing celebrity Our Tunes, in one of which Neil Hamilton described his meeting with Christine as like Lauren Bacall coming on in a Humphrey Bogart movie, which shows the man does have a sense of humour after all.

And for the last hour. Chris Evans's own cameras followed Chris Evans and his team around the West Country in what purported to be a history of the Radio 1 Road Show but was no more than an excuse to laugh at some sad, E.L. Whisty characters who also followed the Road Show, and to marvel that Radio I had ever let

Matthew Bond is away

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (39483) 7.00 BBC Greakfast News (1) (98852919) 9.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (1) (2790716) 9.30 Style Challenge (1538716) 9.55 Kilroy (T) (5587377)

10.35 Change That from Cheltenham (1660803)

11.00 News (T) and weather (4869071) 11.05 Liberal Democrat Party Conf Featuring a debate on the economy 127562006

1.00pm News (T) and weather (37938) 1.30 Regional News (17417071)

1.40 The Weather Show (87372984) 1.45 Neighbours (I) (77223464)

2.10 Quincy (r) (9340993)

3.00 Through the Keyhole (2551) 3.30 Playdays (8266919) 3.50 Roald Dahi's Revolting Recipes (1693532) 4.05 Little Mouse on the Prairie (4759716) 4.25 The All-New Popeye Show (3730025) 4.35 Goosebumps (6764648) 5.00 Newsround (T) (9096984) 5.10 Blue Peter

(T) (5058280 5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (785377)

6.00 News (T) and weather (777) 6.30 Regional News (667)

7.00 This is Your Life Michael Aspel surprises another personality with the big red book

(1) (4532) 7.30 Here and Now The campaign to make the practice of driving while using a mobile phone illegal; and the Williams Fairey Brass Band attempts to get into the pop charts (1) (551)

8.00 EastEnders The Fowlers arrive in Ireland, Paulme is in for a surprise while Ruth meets a dashing stranger (T) (3280)

8.30 A Prince Among Men Gary's plans to turn Ferny Heath Church into a go-kart track don't go down too well in the office (T) (9087)

9.00 News (T) and weather (1667)

9.30 Bioomin' Marvellous Jack feels trapped by the imminent arrival of the baby and sets out with Jeff to recapture his freedom at the Parachute Club. With Clive Mantle and Sarah Lancashire (T) (14241)

10.00 Panorama: Playing With Fire A report on Britain's young arsonists (1) (390975) 10.40 Full Circle with Michael Palin (r) (T) (513667) WALES: 10.40 Catalysti (399174) 11.20 Full Circle with Michael Palin (823718) 12.15am Film '97 with Bany Norman (24174) 12.45 FILM

Hannie Caulder (2474410) 2.05 News 11.35 Film '97 with Barry Norman Reviews of Contact, starring Jodie Foster as an astronomer who receives a message from aliens, and The Leading Man, a Barry Humphries Barry also casts his eye over new crime thriller Face, starring Robert Cartyle, Ray Davies and Blur's Demon Albam (T) (858667)

12.05am Hannie Caulder (1971) with Requel Welch and Emest Borgnine, A woman seeks revenge on the trio of outlaws who brutally raped her, murdered her husband and set fire to their home. Directed by Burt Kennedy (2559762) 1.25 Weather (4945830)

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BBC2

6.00am Open University: Putting Training to Work (4577919) 6.25 Images of Disability (T) (4589754) 6.50 Deal-Blind Education in Russia (T) (5387754) 7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (T and

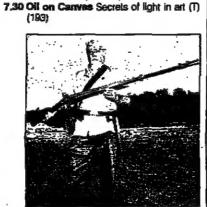
signing) (4427174) 7.30 Swat Kats (r) (6518551) 7.55 To Me, to You (r) (1) (5520629) 8.20 Melvin and Maureen's Music-a-Grams (r) (380396) 8.35 Teletubbles (r) (1102919) 9.00 Cartoon (4932667) 9.10 Spanish Globo (2520087) 9.15 Clementine (4911174) 9.30 Writing and Pictures (T) (9612990)

9.45 Storytime (9617445) 10.00
Teletubbles (98803) 10.30 Words and Pictures (3836848) 10.45 Cats' Eyes (3824803) 11.00 Look and Read (2092613) 11.20 Zig Zag (9130990) 11.40 Landmarks (7429990) 12.00 Job Rank (7170984) Bank (7179984)

12.10pm Job Bank (7271396) 12.20 Showcase (6404551) 12.30 Working Lunch (95377) 1.00 The Greedysaurus Gang (r) (73503667) 1.05 Hairy Jeremy (r) (73502938) 1.10 The Craft Hour

(8236880) 2.10 News (T) (32809342) 2.15 Liberal Democrat Conference includes a debate on devolution (127321) 3.55 News (T) (6035648) 4.00 Ready, Steady, Cook (280) 4.30 Going, Going, Gone (6763919) 4.55 Esther: rags to riches (7095290) 5.30 Today's the Day (716)

6.00 Battlestar Galactica (r) (T) (2/2) 6.45 Conference Talk: Liberal Democrat Conference (122087)



The Springfield on show (8.00pm)

8.00 Decisive Weapons The de-velopment of the Springfield Rifled Musket (1) (1822) 8.30 The Travel Show Cayman Islands:

special interest holidays. Last in series (7829) 9.00 Changing Rooms Last in the series of

the decorating challenge show from Penistone in Yorkshire (T) (9209) 9.30 Picture This Behind the scenes at MTV, following the station's hectic schedule (T) (14223)

with Gary Barlow, Edwyn Collins, Jeff Green and Tony Wright joining host Mark Lamarr and learn captains Sean Hughes and Phill Jupitus (T) (69464)

10.30 Newsnight (T) (865532) 11.20 Jonathan Miller's Opera Works (T) Aria v song (373396) 12.00 Weather (2655205) 12.05em Duckman (3377965)

12.30 Learning Zone: Wendepunkte (70052) 1.00 The Next Five Minutes (51588) 1.30 Art and the Left (90965) 2.00 Teaching Today (61679) 4.00 Italia 2000: Attivita (10304) 4.30 Royal Institute Discourse (18781) 5.30 So You Want to Work in Social Care? (82110)

HTV

6.00am GMTV (7333735) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (T) (2616700) 9.55 Regional News (1246261) 10.00 The Time, the Place (83629) 10.30 This Morning (18054464)

12.20pm Regional News (6408377) 12.30 News (T) and weather (9516342) 12.55 High Road (T) (9697261)

1.25 Home and Away (1) (58321822) 1.50 The Woman for Joe (1956) with Diane Cliento, George Baker and Jimmy Karoubi. Tension rises when the owner of a circus and one of his artistes fall in love with the same woman, Directed by George More O'Ferrall (6233735)

3.20 News (T) (4935667) 3.25 Regional News (T) (4934938)

3.30 Tots TV (r) (1511984) 3.40 The Slow Norns (7427716) 3.50 Wolves, Witches and Giants (1515700) 4.05 Sooty and Co (T) (4671984) 4.25 Sabrina the Teenage Witch (T) (4753532) 4.50 How 2 (T)

5.10 WALES: Animal Country (2503716) 5.10 We Are Seven The trials and tribulations

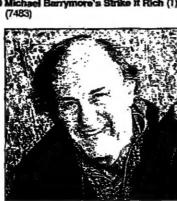
of village life in the 1930s (2503716) 5.40 News (T) and weather (951483) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (795280) 6.25 HTV Weather (671261)

6.30 HTV News (1) (735) 6.56 Crimestoppers (553071)

7.00 Talking Telephone Numbers Game show hosted by Philip Scholield (6700) 7.30 Coronation Street Fred and Mauseen get married, Sally and Natalle exchange blows. With Sherie Hewson and John Savident (T) (919)

8,00 World in Action An investigation into the millions of pounds being spent on oil exploration in the jungles of South America (T) (5648)

8.30 Michael Barrymore's Strike it Rich (T)



Anton Rodgers as Nosh (9.00pm)

9.00 Nonh's Ark Noah's reputation is in tatters after the death of a valuable cow. He is also powerless to help a smallholde threatened with eviction, until Tom and Clare make a discovery (T) (3377)

10.00 News (T) and weather (56990) 10.30 Regional News (421377)

10.40 Nash Bridges Nash and Joe trail the heirs to a Matia family (T) (598358) 11.40 Highlander (457822)

12.40am Football Extra (8666830) 1.40 War of the Worlds (r) (1652656)

2.30 Rockmania (r) (61859) 3,30 God's Gift (66304) 4.30 Recollections (47451472)

4.35 World in Action (r) (T) (31304588) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (1) (45439) 5.30 News (82156)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except: 12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (9697261) 1.50 Blue Heelers (3538006) 2.50-3.20 High Road (6908735) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (2503716) 6.25-7.00 Central News (625464)

11 an Swift Justice (715358) 12.35am Football Extra (8674859) 1.35 Late and Loud (3670878) 2.35 Curtis Calls (7901859) 2.40 Film: Georgy Girl (388304)

WESTCOUNTRY

5.20 Asian Eye (1073830)

4.20 Central Jobfinder '97 (3031588)

As HTV West except: 12.20pm-12.30 Illuminations (6408377) 12.55 Home and Away (9697261) 1.25 High Road (13188214) 1.55 Murder, She Wrote (3546025) 2.50-3.20 Gardeners' Diary (6908735)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (2503716) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (90822) 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (457822) 4.30am Recollections (47451472)

MERIDIAN As HTV West except:

12.55pm-1.26 Shortland Street (9697261) 1.50 Yan Can Cook: The Best of China (1807754)

2.25-3.20 Blue Heelers (2390218) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (2503716) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (483) 6.30-7.00 A Tale of Four Favourite Towns

10.30 Meridian News and Weather (412629) 10.45 Nash Bridges (507006) 11,40 The Pier (171782)

12.05am The Listings (3900192) 12.10 The Loop (3384255) 4.30 Recollections (47451472) 5.00 Freescreen (45439)

ANGLIA As HTV West except:

12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (9697261) 1.50 Homemaker (1807754) 2.25-3.20 Blue Heelers (2390218) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (2503716) 6.23 Anglia Weather (672990) 5,25-7.00 Anglia News (625464)

10.40 Backstage (932532) 12.10am Weekly World News (3384255) 4.30 Recollections (47451472)

Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (10261) 9.00 Ysgolion (453648) 11.30 Here's One I Made Earlier (2342) 12.00 Right to Reply (53803) 12.30pm Baby Baby (80445) 1.00 Slot Meithrin (83860445) 1.15 Miffi (83785700) 1.30 Film: Bigger Than Life (73985071) 3.15 Secrets of the Rainforest (9091551) 4.00 rimen-to-One (648) 4.30 Garden Party (532) 5.00 5 Pump (5974938) 5.15 Ffeil (9171629) 5.30 Countdown (984) 6.00 M (995764) 6.10 Heno (733822) 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (816667) 7.25 Taro Naw (379193) 8.00 Eric (6990) 8.30 Newyddion (5025) 9.00 Marc Bolan: Dandy in the Underworld (1919) 10.00 Sgorio (4006) 11.00 Whose Line is it Anyway? (898025) 11.25 The American Football Big Match (220280) 12.45sm-1.45

CHANNEL 4

5.55am Sesame Street (22193) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (10261)

9.00 Schools: The English Programme (T) (2717483) 9.25 Schools at Work (2543938) 9.30 Geography Junction (T) (9614358)9.45 Book Box (T) (9539613) 10.00 Stage Two Science (T) (7728938) 10.15 Rat-s-Tat-Tat (7701261) 10.30 Place and People (T) (8098025) 10.50 Stop, Look, Listen (T) (1742342) 11.00 Living and Growing (T) (9058342) 11.15 The Mix (T) (9144193)

11.30 Here's One | Made Earlier Vegetables in cider cream sauce; saddle of lamb; apple and chocolate cake (1) (2342) 12.00 Sesame Street (53803) 12.30pm Baby Baby (80445) 1.00 Light Lunch (r)

(64700) 2.00 Horsey Mail (b/w) GPO film (11397209) 2.10 Jubal (1955) starring Glenn Ford, Ernest Borgrine, Valerie French and Rod Steiger. Western about the arrival of a ranch hand to whom his employer's

young wile takes a shine. Directed by Delmer Daves (T) (700025) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One The first of a new series (T) (648) 4.30 Counidown (T) (6758087) 4,55 Montel Williams (T) (5295218) 5.30 Absolutely Animals (r) (T) (984)

6.00 Home Improvement: Brother Can You Spare a Hot Rod? Trouble brews for Tim when he sells his hot rod (T) (975) 6.30 Hollyoaks Ruth and Kurt are feeling confident about the outcome of the radio

debale (T) (377) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (204700) 7.50 Music of the Millernium The first programme in a three-week survey to

discover the British public's favourite pieces of music, Lord Yehudi Menuhin's favourite music (582358)

8.00 Undercover British: Text Touts The extentionate world of London's taxi touts



The Halligan family (8.30pm

8.30 Short Stories: Life Savers How a Toxteth Credit Union run by Eileen Halligen has sent the local loan sharks running (T) (5025)

9.00 Equinox Fighting the G-Force Coming to terms with the fact that fighter technology has outstripped the endurance of the human body (T) (1919) 10,00 NYPD Blue: Tail Light's Last Gleaming

Sipowicz is haunted by dreams about his dead son (T) (629667) 10.55 Seven Sins Author Kathy Lette on envy (1) (936358)

11.25 The American Football Big Match Highlights from the weekend's matches (505483)

12.40em Trans World Sport (r) (8664472) 1,40 Football Italia (r) (21995762) 4.00 Schools: GNVQ - is it for you? (232781) 5.35 Terrytoons (3378149)

CHAINE STATE

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE

Channel 5 is now broadclasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a Videocrypt decoder will be able to receive the channel free of charge. Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: 10.92075 GHz; sound: 7.02 and 7.20 MHz

6.00am 5 News Early (7135532) 7.30 USA High Teen sitcom (r) (5226613) 8.00 Havakazoo (4267795)

8.30 WideWorld The issues raised by the increase in people working from home (9/15) (5617236)

9.00 Espresso (7684377) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (6858532) **10.30** Attractions (r) (5712880) **11.00** Leeza (1202938) **11.50** Double Espresso (69524754)

12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (1017272) 12.30pm Family Attairs (r) (T) (9704532)

1.00 5 News Update (85878754) 1.05 Sunset (8458667) 3.30 The Dance Goes On (1991) with James Keach and Matthew Almond. A senti-mental drama: a young Californian and

his estranged father embark on a journey to rediscover their roots. Paul Almond directs (7146648) 5.30 Move on Up Game show (9937209)

6.00 100 Per Cent The game show without a

6.30 Family Affairs Mel returns from her course (T) (9918174) 7.00 Oasis: Mad for it The second part of the

documentary series about the pop group examines Liam and Noet's unbringing 7.30 The Dragon's Tale A wildlife documentary about the creatures that inhabit the Indonesian Island of Sulawesi

8.00 Hot Property A couple from Cardiff

looking for a £100,000-£180,000 home (1) (8909193)

8.30 5 News (T) (8815700) 9.00 The Sweeney Vintage Flying Squad

drama series with John Thaw

Waterman (6414006)

The legal team (10.00pm)

10.00 Wing and a Prayer The lirst of a new British legal drama series (T) (3475272)

11.00 The Jack Docherty Show Chat and cornedy (1397990) 11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H (4705396)

12.45am Live and Dangerous Sports maga-3.45 Asian Football Show (6018694)

4.35 The Streets of San Francisco 5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (7569014)

10.00 Heaven's Breath (1030667) 11.90 Love Thosa Trains (4035903) 12.00 Enden-gered: Crowned Eagles (6370878) 12.30em Gauchos (646) 188) 1.00 Close

4.00pm Viernam, the Ten Thousand Day War (7392209 5.00 The Greal Ship (9122261) 6.00 Ancion Mysteries (2741764) 7.00 Biography, Audrey Heptum (1361342) 8.00 Close

Win with Prize Time twice on hour 5.00pm Cross Wits 5.30 Say the Word 6.00 Farrily Fortunes 6.30 Catchphrase 7.15 The \$64,000 Cluestion 8.00 Spiti Second 8.30 Move on Up 9.15 Winner Talks All 10.00 Treasure Hunt 11.15 White 12.00

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6.00am Lucky Ledders 8.35 Lingo 7.00 Tiny Living 9.00 / Dream of Jeennie 9.30 Gordon Eliott 10.10 Jeny Springer 11.00

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THE HISTORY CHANNEL

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SKY 1 5.00am Morning Glory (764071) 9.00 Regis and Kathie Lee (92464) 10.00 Another and Kaihie Les (§2664) 10,000 Another World (\$1532) 11,000 Deys of Our Lines (71396) 12,000 The Oprah Wintrey Show (21716) 1,00pm Geratios (\$0464) 2,000 Selly Jessy Rephase (\$27464) 3,000 Jerny Jones (50700) 4,000 The Oprah Wintrey Show (42735) 5,000 Sair Trekt. The Next Generation (1937) 6,000 The Line 6 Show (7377) 6,300 (42735) 5.00 Star Trek. The Next Generation (1037) 6.00 The Live 6 Show (7377) 6.30 Marned with Children (8629) 7.00 The Sympsons (2716) 7.30 M*A*S*H (4613) 8.00 Star Trek: Voyager (62087) 9.00 Pollergest The Legeby (75551) 10.00 Siders (85939) 11.00 Star Trek. The Next Generation (52261) 12.00 Lafe Show (89997) 1.00am Hill Mile (270168)

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SKY NEWS the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week SKY MOVIES

6 Down Colour Me Perfect (1996) 6,00em Colour No Person (1979) (67/98922) 7.45 Dreamer (1979) 42892193) 9.30 The Crowded Sty (1960) (54025) 11.30 Letter to My Killer (1995) (71851025) 1.15pm Bedtime Story (1964) (885990) 3.15 Colour Me Perfect (1996) (44513667) 5.00 Letter to My Killer (1995) (18700) 7.00 Short Circuit II (1998) (18445) 9.00 Restoration (1996) (1988) (58445) 9.00 Restoration (1996) (912826) (97342) 11.00 Leon (1994) (912826) (1987) (\$501526) 2.20 Madonnz: Inno-cence Lost (1994) (9417946) 3.50 Fran-ionistoln Must Be Destroyed (1970)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL 6.00am Hollywood Cavalcade (1939) (1972) 8.00 Three Ninjas Kick Sack (1984) (26358) 10.00 Helen of Troy (1955) (44667) 12.00 Fire Down Below (1957) (49309) 2.00pm The Dolly Sisters (1948) (67532) 4.00 Time Warrior: Trapped on Toy World (1985) (7261) 6.00 Three Ninjas Kick Back (1994) (4999) 7.30 El Festures (3551) 8.00 Diane

Kimstry: Teamster (1996) (96613) 10.00 Barb Wire (1996) (254193) 11.40 Dead Weekand (1995) (625067) 1.15am A Hatful of Rain (1957) (459385) 3.05 Cyclo (1995) (10572946) 5.15 Joe at the Kingdom of the Beas (1972) (915743) SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm No Mm of Her Own (1950) 95590251 8.00 Off Limits (1953) (3898629) 8.00 The Pose)don Adventure (1972) (3893174) 10.00 The Pury (1978) (5016735) 12.00 Dead Mar's Folly (1968) (7693946) 1.35mm Mitroler No, Marcier You (1963) (3543385) 3.15 Angel Face (1953) (955597) 4.45 Close

9.00pm Little Women (1933) (37878445) 11.00 Where Eagles Dere (1969) (56016280) 1.45am Billy the Kid (1989) (60881526) 3.30 The Hour of Thirteen (1942) (13075588) 5.00 Close SKY SPORTS 1

7.00em Futbol Mundial (98087) 7.30 Sports Unlimited (33716) 8.30 World Sport Special (18377) 9.00 Recing News (98759) 9.30 Aerobics Cz Style (45919) 10.00 Football (74368) 12.00 Aerobics Oz Style (1919) (74368) 12.00 Aerobics Oz Style (1919) (74368) 12.00 Materials World (55281) 1.30 Special (7165) 11.30 Follow Follow (12193) (74358) 12.00 Aembers Oz Style (12193) (12.30pm Watersports World (35261) 1.30 Football Special (21396) 3.00 Flugby League Super League (538803) 5.30 High (5754) 8.00 Sports Centre (2667) 6.30 Ryder Cup Countidown (3919) 7.00 Football Liverpool v Asion Villa — Live (326735) 10.30 Sports Centre (26342) 11.30 Football League Review (70193) 11.30 Football League Review (70193) 11.30 Football League Review (70193) 2.30 Football League Review (37525) 3.00 Sports Centre (18491) 2.30 Football League Review (37525) 3.00 Sports Centre (18410) 3.30 Close

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7.00em Aerobics Oz Style (6875209) 7.30
Windsurfing (6855716) 8.00 Racing News
(5849980) 8.90 Terms Davis Cup
(8175367) 12.00 Footbalt League Review
(294943) 1.30pm World Superbles:
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(3134957) 6.30 V-Max (8439349) 7.00
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(7534713) 8.00 World Motor Sport
(8321174) 10.30 V-Max (5868754) 11.00
Footbalt League Review (7303938) 11.30 SKY SPORTS 3

12.00pm Golf Brush Masters (8075-1700) 1.20 Golf Texas Open (50895296) 4.00 NFL Amerikan Football (36512532) 7.00 Fishing 131120735) 8.00 Hockey EUROSPORT

7.30em Mourran Bile (55984) 8.30 All Sports (29261) 10.00 Youth Football (48551) 12.00 Motorcycling (53938) 1.00pm Adventure (15754) 1.30 Treathion (33174) 2.00 Live Cycling (33975) 3.30 All Sports (3106) 5.00 World Games (7567) 8.00 Speedworld (27036) 8.00 Surro (29667) 9.00 Tractor Pulling (70323) 10.00 Football (36822) 11.30 Bonning (72223) 12.30em Close

UK GOLD

7.00mm Rontaghosi (4054667) 7.35 Neigh-jours (9809025) 8.00 Crossroads (987938) 8.25 EastEnders (3805667) 9.00 The Bit (6830754) 9.30 Howards' Way (420803) 10.00 In Loung Memory (1677377) 10.30 The Sullivers (6363038) 11.00 Kinster (53186418) 19 05-20 Cross 6.20 The Two Ronnies (417) 193) 7,20 C 9,00 the Sail (1807-5) (1807-5

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GRANADA PLUS

11.00 Kinsey (\$3188649) 12.05pm Cross-nads (72209735) 12.30 (4eg/bours (4291919) 1.00 EastEnders (\$813321) 1.36 (*Alo) (\$74483) 2.15 Gargethread Orders Alio (3/14483) 2.19 ungerbread Giff (8206342) 2.50 Are fou Being Served? (2906667) 2.30 The Bif (4997087) 4.00 Casually (11617261) 5.05 EarlEnders (400884) 5.40 Sob's Full House (9386342) Who (9393938) 7.50 Home to Roos! (3237435) 8.20 Victoria Wood (8108919) 9.00 The Bull (2186754) 9.30 Stay Lucky



FOX KIDS NETWORK

Prime Suspect III (7610087) 11.00 Close DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am Dumbo's Creus (61532) 6.30 Lamb Chop (82551) 7.00 Chip 'n' Dale (20209) 7.30 Quack Pack (35236) 8.00 (2020) 7.30 Cusel. Pack (35235) 8.00 Dinosaurs (68396) 8.30 Borkers (57667) 8.00 Cumm Bears (58919) 9.30 Goodning Marsh (64209) 10.00 Secame Street (25700) 11.00 Humny Pot (5047396) 11.15 Rose and Jim (4299358) 11.40 Sing Me a Story (5582759) 12.00 Big Garage (7824938) 12.45pm Wirmin the Poth (75947716) 1.00 Secame Street (66280) 2.00 Amazing Aramats (2754) 2.30 Care Bears (7174) 3.00 Tale Spin (1261) 3.00 Goot Troop (9919) 4.00 Timon and Pumbaa (1754) 4.30 Aladdin (7930) 5.00 Carpoles (3006) 5.00 Carpoles ((3006) 5.30 Dunssurs (1990) 6.00 Blossom (8203) 6.30 Boy Meets World (2483) 7.00 Home Improvement (1782) 7.30 The Wonder Years (6667) 8.00 FILM: The Home Improv



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8.00am Heppily Ever Aller (74006) 6.30 Bobby's World (95025) 7.00 Spirou (26483) 7.30 Dennis the Manaice (35290) 8.00 Batman (68342) 8.30 The Bots Mester (67613) 9.00 Art Attack (54183) 9.30 Earthworm Jim (90483) 10.00 Gravedale

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12.00pm Seren's Crossing (6912358) 12.30 Ready or Not (428605) 1.00 Madeson (674782) 1.30 Sweet Valley High 1428538) 2.00 Saved by the Boll (6370445) 2.30 Sweet (4970938) 3.00 Ready or Not (6382280) 3.30 No Naked

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BBC and **BSkyB** in new dispute

BY RAYMOND SNODDY MEDIA EDITOR

THE row between British Sky Broadcasting, the sat-ellite group, and the BBC over a planned BBC 24-hour television news service has ignited again.

BskyB has accused the

BBC and John Birt, its Director-General, of predatory pricing because of its plan to offer the new service free to cable television operators. BSkyB claims this will damage its own 24-hour service. Sky News, which costs cable companies 49p a month

per subscriber.

Three cable companies are believed to have already served notice to drop Sky News in preference to the new BBC service, which is due to be launched at the beginning of November. Sky News is available free to those with

a satellite dish. The BBC has submitted a new application to Chris Smith, the Culture, Media and Sports Secretary, asking for permission to offer

the channel free of charge. Earlier this month the corporation asked Mr Smith to withdraw the permission already given because the complex is-sues involved had not been fully set out in the original application. The danger was that BSkyB, a consortium in which News International, owner of The Times, has a 40 per cent stake, would immediately

The BBC wants to reach as many people as possible with its new service, which is being paid for by licence fee money. All cable subscribers have already paid their BBC licence fee and the BBC believes it is reasonable to offer the service to them at no extra

seek a judicial review of

If the Government decides to renew the BBCs permission to give the panies, BSkyB is expected to retaliate.

Financier uses IMF conference as platform to attack Malaysian leader

Global boom will collapse, Soros warns

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY AND JANET BUSH IN HONG KONG

GEORGE SOROS yesterday issued a stark warning that the current global economic boom will soon end in bust and that further deregulation of international financial markets will prove no

cure for economic instability. The billionaire financier, who is credited with forcing the pound out of the ERM in 1992, also launched a furious attack on Mahathir Mohamad, Prime Minister of Malaysia, whom he accused of being a "menace to his country".

In a direct riposte to the International Monetary Fund, which is calling for further liberalisation of international capital flows, Mr Soros said new moves to open financial sectors to foreign involvement could prove misguided due to the "fickleness" of international capital. "Financial markets are inherently unstable and international markets even more so," Mr Soros told delegates at the IMF annual

conference in Hong Kong.

International capital flows are notorious for their boombust pattern and I cannot believe the present boom will not be followed by bust until history has proven me wrong," Mr Soros said.

Mr Soros's comments were made only a few days after The Times revealed that Warren Buffett, the renowned American investor, has moved \$2 billion into US Treasury bills. This was regarded as a sign of Mr Buffett's nervousness at the current high stock

Mr Soros said the "laissezfaire" idea that markets should be left to correct themselves was "dangerous" and ia io csisse selione eco ic and social dislocation.

Mr Soros instead gave his backing to a greater mobilisation of domestic savings to decrease reliance on foreign capital and called for greater international co-operation to improve the global financial system. "I am firmly con-vinced that the present global capitalist system can be sus-tained only by deliberate and persistent efforts to correct and contain its deficiencies." he said. "Co-operation be-tween central banks is always worthwhile," added Mr Soros who offered his support for

to help to cure the region's currency turmoil. But Mr Soros strongly re-jected a call by the Malaysian

joint action in South-East Asia

Fund targets capital markets

THE International Monetary
Fund said yesterday it is
aiming to make the reform of
global capital markets one of
its principle policy goals
(Alasdair Murray writes).
The IMFs interim committee its main policy-making

tee, its main policy-making body, is to give the "highest priority" to reforming its own articles to include a clause "that would make the liberalisation of capital movements one of the purposes of

Michel Camdessus, managing director, said: "The agreement on the liberalisation of capital movements will be a milestone in the history of the fund." The IMF already has a clause in its articles which deals with currency convertibility. Under the terms of the new clause the IMF will tal transactions and provide safeguards and transitional

Prime Minister to protect his country's currency, the ringgit, by banning currency trading, claiming it did not deserve "serious consideration". Mr Soros said: "Interfering with convertibility of capital at a moment like this is

a recipe for disaster."

Mr Soros insisted that Dr Mahathir was simply using him as a "scapegoat to cover up his own failure", adding that his funds had bought and held rather than sold Asian currencies during the crisis. Mr Soros also said he believed the region would bounce back from this "temporary setback" providing structural reforms in the banking sector were

Dr Mahathir's comments even prompted panic in his own Government, with Anwar Ibrahim, Finance Minister, forced to try to restore credibil-ity. Mr Ibrahim claimed that Dr Mahathir was simply referring to plans for further finan-

cial liberalisation.

Dr Mahathir has repeatedly blamed "buccaneer" currency traders, and Mr Soros in particular, for prompting the economic crisis that devastated currencies and stock markets across South-East Asia during the past few months. "Currency trading is unnec-

essary, unproductive and totally immoral," Dr Mahathir said, before warning that he would ban all currency trading not needed for financing

But analysts predicted another wave of selling of Asian currencies today in response to the latest heresy from Dr Mahathir and obvious tensions between the Maavsian Prime Mi senior government officials.

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George Soros said the idea that markets should be left to correct themselves was dangerous

Brown to publish details of currency reserves

GORDON BROWN, the Chancellor, yesterday contingovernment by promising to publish full details of Britain's gold and currency reserves and all its dealings in the

foreign exchange market.

If this initiative had been in place in 1992, Britain would have had a full account of the events of Black Wednesday when the Bank of England spent billions of pounds, effectively wiping out Britain's foreign exchange reserves in a single day in a doomed attempt to keep sterling within the exchange-rate mechanism:

In a statement to the powerful interim committee of the International Monetary Fund Mr Brown also proposed that the IMF, together with the World Bank and the OECD, develop a code of good practice, for promoting openness in fiscal and monetary policy.

Mr Brown said: The day of managing economic policy secretly behind closed doors.

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and of unaccountable decision making are coming to an end.... In place of the old conspir-acy of silence, there will in future be a duty to inform." Eddie George, Governor of

the Bank of England, was asked yesterday as part of the new spirit of openness to reveal the amount spent on Black Wednesday. He declined.

Every three months, the Treasury will publish full details of its reserves, with a breakdown of the currencies held and a commentary explaining significant changes to the reserves position or make-up. It will also publish details of its position in both spot and forward currency, markets. Full accounts of all foreign exchange dealings will also be published annually.

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NYSE inquiry at ING Barings

By Alasdair Murray

ING Barings has launched a review of its emerging mar-kets operations in New York after a New York Stock Exchange investigation discovered a huge backlog of unsettled share bargains at the investment bank.

The NYSE acted after a regular audit found an "unacceptable" number of unreconciled bargains on the Dutch owned bank's books. News of the investigation

will prompt embarrassment at ING, which bailed out Barings after the collapse of the British merchant bank two and a half years ago. In the wake of the crash, ING lost 72 staff from its Latin American team in New York to Deutsche Morgan Grenfell.

ING said vesterday that it is reviewing its back office procedures and is considering hiring more staff to help to overcome the problems. But the company pointed out that emerging market trades generally take longer to settle and emphasised the problems bore no resemblance to the unauthorised trades made by

The company added that the volume of trades had increased greatly during the past few months because of the economic turmoil in South East Asia and a general increase in emerging market work.

Some reports have suggested that the Securities & Exchange Commission, the chief US regulator, has launched its own investigation, although ING said it had no knowledge of any SEC involvement ING also denied that Ned Schoenfeld, chief operating officer at ING Barings securities, had been

Orange takes 80% off cost of overseas mobile phone calls

Nick Leeson which prompted

the collapse of Barings.

By Eric Reguly

THE rivalry between the four mobile phone companies will intensify today with the an-nouncement that Orange is to cut the prices of international calls by as much as 80 per cent. The changes mean Orange customers may find it cheaper to phone North America than to make a local call, and cheaper to use a mobile phone than a conventional line. Orange said the new prices.

which take effect in October, will undercut British Telecom by about 20 per cent. A five-minute daytime call to New York will cost 88p on Orange, £1.17p on BT and £6.46 on Cellnet, the mobile phone company that is 60 per cent owned by BT. Orange's old rate for the call was £4.29. The changes are part of

Orange's strategy of expand-

ing the use of wireless com-

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munications in a market that is losing momentum. Prices operators are so high that the service, used almost exclusively by globe-trotting executives, generates an insignific-

The cost of a five-minute call to Berlin will be £1.06 on Orange, compared with £1.42 on BT and £4.11 on One-2-The prices are standard rates.

Hans Snook, Orange's managing director, said the price reductions were designed to encourage custom-ers to use their mobile phones as regularly as fixed-line phones. "We believe that there is no reason why the cost of phoning abroad should be as high as it is," he said.

Depending on the service contracts bought by Orange costomers, the new international prices can be cheaper than domestic or local calls. Orange's local rate for daytime calls ranges from 14p to 25p a minute, compared with the new 15p a minute rate for calls to the US and Canada.

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